

# The Chronicle

**Making Memories**

**Congregation Neveh Shalom**  
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# Trust, Seek, Build: The Meaning of Memory and How I Forgot to Become a Rabbi

## Rabbi David Kosak

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Jews, somewhat like elephants, are known for our long memory, and our attachment to memory and forgetting are both inscribed in Jewish law. Recently, before Purim, I shared some thoughts about Shabbat Zachor, in which we are reminded to forget about Amalek. The injunction to remember and recall, to reflect and reminisce, is deeply ingrained in the Jewish psyche, and extends well beyond our requirement to remember Amalek. Remembering for the Jew is not only an intellectual exercise. Very often it is experiential, as when we sit on the floor during Tisha B'av to reenact the emotional loss our ancestors felt at the time the Temple was destroyed, stay up all night on Shavuot as our ancestors did at Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, or retell the Passover narrative using props, songs and stories so we can sense our movement from slavery to redemption.

The strange commandment of Amalek is not the sole example of a *mitzvah* that can only be fulfilled by forgetting. The other case that springs to mind is *shikhekha*, the obscure commandment to leave forgotten sheaves of grain in the fields for the indigent to collect. The only way to perform this *mitzvah* is to forget about it at the moment that you are harvesting. (This is a different commandment, by the way, than leaving the four corners of the field to the poor.)

So we see that there are a great many ways to remember, and counterintuitively, some of them can only happen by first forgetting. In this subtle point, we uncover a remarkably beautiful insight that Judaism provides us. *Most remembering only happens by first forgetting*. Something is put out of mind before it rises to our awareness again. If this were not the case, we would all wander about with a single song stuck in our heads, driving us a bit crazy (you can research the science around songs that repeat. For some, the condition is quite severe).

This reminds me of my days when I had a meditation practice. One of the deepest states of meditation comes at the moment we realize that we've not been meditating and then gently draw our focus back and away from that which is distracting us. Forgetting is deep. It is productive. Things happen when our attention is turned elsewhere that



ultimately prove essential and necessary.

That's how I became a rabbi--or didn't. My epiphany or moment of enlightenment came a week after my thirtieth birthday. I woke up and knew with utter certainty that I was going to become a rabbi. The sense of joy was overflowing and endured for a week. I walked about in this altered state of supreme "rightness." If the story ended there, *zey gezunt, dayenu*, it would have been enough.

But it was some months after that moment that the story becomes compelling. I was visiting my parents and staying in my old bedroom. There on a shelf was a kid's book I hadn't opened in a couple of decades, and for unknown reasons, I plucked it up. As I did so, a small rectangular note on lined paper fluttered to the floor. Picking it up, my childish handwriting labored out this message-- "*When I grow up, I want to be a rabbi or a teacher.*"

All knowledge of this note and its content had utterly fled any form of conscious awareness. Indeed, if you were to look at my life from the outside, up until that moment of epiphany and the rediscovery of that note, rabbi is the last thing you would have imagined me becoming. I have high school friends who still struggle to connect those dots.

Yet at the moment of reading that note, everything made sense, including my seemingly sudden realization. My strange path to the rabbinate exposed me to so much of the world and to so many different types of people and experiences, all of which have deepened me as a person. There are so many ways to live our days. I don't know if I could do this work if I hadn't first forgotten that it was destined from the start.

We toss the word "memory" around as though it refers to one thing. The truth is that memory covers a wide range of mental experiences. We have trivial memories that occur to us. "Oh, I forgot to pick up oranges." Too many of us remember emotional pain more readily than great joy. We also have recollections of moments that imprinted us and shaped us beyond normal understanding.

What we remember is in part dependent on where we invest our time and resources, and what we therefore think is

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## President's Corner

Rich Meyer

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Two-and-a-half years ago, I sat in a hotel conference room in Newark, New Jersey with dozens of lay leaders from around the United States and Canada and pondered what lay ahead for Neveh Shalom.



We had gathered as part of United Synagogue's Sulam for Presidents program, a boot camp of sorts that helps prepare new synagogue presidents for their upcoming terms. The four-day seminar covered a spectrum of topics, from exploring the core values of Conservative Judaism to developing a mission statement; from managing a board and clergy to growing membership and financial stability. I had absorbed a lot of this information during my eight years on the board of Neveh Shalom, but it wasn't until I was in a room full of new presidents that it finally sunk in that this was to become my life for the next two years.

That weekend, we all shared stories about ourselves and our shuls. Every synagogue has its "issues," and we are no exception, but I came away from that weekend feeling fortunate to be leading a synagogue with such a proud and strong history and confident that we could build on our traditions as we continue to blaze our own trail to the future.

It has been an eventful two years for Neveh Shalom. We said farewell to Rabbi Brad and Sarah Greenstein and family as they embarked on a new adventure and welcomed Rabbi Eve Posen, Duncan Gilman and Shiri to our synagogue family. We toasted Rabbi Daniel and Carol Isaak and family for his 22 years as Senior Rabbi. We spent more than a year thinking about and searching for new rabbinic leadership and were thrilled to make a match with Rabbi David and Laura Kosak, Shayah and Amitai.

We continued our focus on "Relational Judaism" and have worked to strengthen Neveh Shalom's welcoming atmosphere. Our education programs, from Foundation School to Aliyah, Tichon to Adult Education, continue to grow and thrive, offering Portland's best Jewish education from cradle to rocker.

I am grateful to my presidential role models, Alan Blank, Sandy Axel, Doug Lenhoff and Steven Kahn, on whose boards I served, and all of the past presidents who have helped and encouraged me during my term. The volunteers who spend countless hours on our board, our many members who chair and serve on committees, and everyone who helps out with every aspect of shul life inspire me every time I enter the building. And I can't give enough thanks to our exceptional

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# An Elephant Never Forgets

Rabbi Eve Posen

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Duncan likes to tease me because I have crazy memory skills. I can remember what I wore on our first date nine years ago. I even remember what I wore on my last day of 8th grade. I remember details of events that most people might miss, and I can always be counted on for institutional memory of what we did for a certain event years ago. For some reason things like that just stick in my head.



this earth with us. We gather to recite *Yizkor*, the memorial service. We praise God as a God of comfort, of protection, of strength, and of healing. We are given the gift of time set aside to engage with the legacy of those who have come before us. We remember.

Outside of these everyday, mundane memories, there are my core memories, like the one of my dad and I touring rabbinical school for the first time, the morning my sister was born, the day I met Duncan, and the day Shiri came into the world; these all play a crucial role in my memories as well. On the flip side though, if I don't leave a sticky note on the door, I'm likely to forget my lunch or forget to feed the dog. (Don't worry, dog lovers, Stanley never eats until the afternoon anyway.)

The Hebrew word *yizkor* comes from the root *zecher*, to remember. Memory is all over our tradition. Every Shabbat evening in the *Kiddush* we say "*Zecher l'tziat Mitzrayim*" as a call to remember the exodus from Egypt, a memory of God's goodness and the gift of freedom. We say "*Zachor et yom haShabbat l'kodsho*" to remember the Shabbat day, and sanctify it, a commandment to set aside some time for reflection.

Four times throughout the year we gather as a community to remember those whom we love and are no longer on

present circumstances. The Israelites, in their wandering, revert back to the memories of what seemed like a happier time in Egypt; they block out all of the hard labor and harsh laws against them and remember only what they want to, only the good things, as few as there were. In this way memory can sometimes be a choice. We can choose to remember the bad or the good, or to block out the pieces that don't quite fit with how we need our stories to go.

What this really means is that memories are active. They aren't simply records; rather, they are actively created and nourished by the experiences in our lives. Coming off of a holiday that is built around communal memory, I am ever aware of the importance of the experiences I create for myself, my family, and my community. The message of Passover is that we must remember (and relive in the seder) our past as a way of continually encouraging us to build the future. After all, there can be no "next year in Jerusalem" without this and all the years that came before. Remember?

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important and essential. Part of living well is to consciously make memories. We have a solid body of research that now shows that things don't make us terribly happy, but that experiences do.

And that brings me to the message of these musings. First, there are times we all feel our lives are a bit out of control. **Trust** that your life is unfolding as it should. **Seek** the lesson you may have forgotten that has brought your life to its present moment. Second, **build** your Jewish memories by both doing and learning. **Embrace** some aspect of Jewish living that up to now you have avoided. Or **approach** what you already are doing from another direction.

You see, there is a way in which we are all that indigent person wandering alone in a field. Every so often, if we stay alert, we might find a forgotten sheaf and discover it was left there as a gift from ourselves.

Happy hunting,  
Rav D

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## Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

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### Linnea Solomon - May 8

Mazel tov to Linnea Solomon, daughter of Charlie and Leslie Solomon, sister to Aidan. Grandparents are Maxine Cooper, Jean Adamson and Al Solomon. Linnea is currently a 6th grader at the International School of Beaverton and is looking forward to moving to Beijing, China with her family this June. She loves singing, acting, Mindcraft, and her cats. She loves the arts, is part of drama club and started an after school drawing club.



### Joshua Weinrobe - June 25

Joshua Weinrobe, son of Anna Davis and Scott Weinrobe, brother to Ravi, and grandson of Stuart and Reena Davis, Gayle Rosenthal of Dallas, Texas, and Michael Weinrobe of Taos, New Mexico will be called to the Torah on June 25. Joshua loves to travel, plays piano, and is a basketball fanatic. He attends Winterhaven School.



### Amelia Winkelman - May 14

Mazel tov to Amelia Rose Winkelman, who will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on May 14, 2016. Amelia is the daughter to Gilbert and Christina Winkelman, sister to Elijah, granddaughter of Judy and Preston Smith and the late Peter and Ruby Winkelman. A seventh grade student at Robert Gray, Amelia enjoys horseback riding, reading, running, drama, and playing with her animals in her free time.



### Adi David Solomon - May 28

Adi Solomon is the son of Diane Solomon and Troy Mitchell, brother to Havah, Rivkah, and Edin. He is the grandson of Herb Solomon and Elaine Galinson of San Diego, California, and Irit Dekel of Ein Hamifratz, Israel. Adi is a 7th grader at Southwest Charter School, where his favorite subjects are math and science. In his spare time, he enjoys building model ships, planes, and helicopters, playing with his beautiful orange corn snake, sailing, flying remote control planes and helicopters, and creating and flying Simple Planes online. Adi also enjoys playing with his younger brother (sometimes). In the summers he attends Camp Solomon Schechter or BB camp, and Watersports Camp in San Diego. Adi recently went on a mission trip to Haiti, where he was grateful to play soccer and offer piggyback rides to orphans whose parents had died in the 2010 earthquake. When Adi grows up, he plans to be an aeronautical engineer.



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## Who's New

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Welcome to **Alison and Laurence Colman**, their daughter **Olive** (age 6) and son **Isaac** (age 5). Alison, who is an Urban Planner, is originally from Redding, CA. She grew up coming to visit her mother's family in

Portland. One of her favorite memories was going to Rose's Deli and getting their matzah ball soup! Laurence was born in South Africa, and grew up in Irvine, CA. He moved to Portland 15 years ago, for his psychiatry residency at OHSU. He is now the Chief Medical Officer of Greater Oregon Behavioral Health and also has a private practice. The Colmans love to cook and the kids love their weekly Shabbat tradition of making their mini-Challot. This summer they are going to France. In preparation they have been working through a kid-friendly French cookbook to prepare their palates.

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and devoted staff, all of whom go the extra mile to make Neveh Shalom our home. Each month, I meet with our clergy and Executive Director to share information and plan for the future, and I always come away from those meetings happy to be working with partners like Rabbis Kosak and Posen, Cantor Bletstein and Fred Rothstein. Finally, thank you to my wife Erika, and to Avi, Dalya and Orly, who've all been incredibly supportive throughout the past two years.

Thank you to our membership for this opportunity to serve our kehillah. I continue to be proud of Neveh Shalom and am confident that our new president, Steve Blake, will continue our amazing tradition and culture.



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# “The True Story of Neveh Shalom's Tremendous Tablets”

By Eadie Kaltenbacher



The first two words of each of the Ten Commandments tower over the entrance to Neveh Shalom.

"Oh, the place with the giant Ten Commandments!"

That is the typical response I hear when I tell people I have joined Neveh Shalom. This distinctive feature of our building is large, prominent, dramatic. It is so unique and visible that pilots use it as a visual landmark when flying into PDX. How did it come to be?

First we must begin with how Neveh Shalom itself came to be. It was actually a merger of two synagogues, Ahavai Shalom and Neveh Zedek. These synagogues merged in 1961 and the resultant new building was constructed in 1964. The rabbi at the time, Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, met with the architectural firm of Percy & Lathrop to discuss ideas for the new building. Rabbi Stampfer explained:

"I met with the architect and he asked me if I had any special requests in designing the building. Of course, I didn't since he was the specialist in architecture! The only request I did

have was that when people drove by or came into the parking lot, there would be no question in their minds they were approaching a Jewish synagogue. I did not want them to be confused that they were coming into a school or an office building, but entering a synagogue."

These distinctively Judaic tablets were created and installed at the front entrance of the building. They stood there loudly and proudly for 20 years. In the mid-80s, it became clear that some repair work would need to be done to the facade on which the letters had been placed. The letters were duly taken down and the facade repaired. But when it came time to put the letters back up, there was some debate in the congregation. Sheri Cordova, who was Executive Director at the time, explained what happened next.

Some people wanted the tablets to remain blank. Others wanted the letters to go back up. And a third group wanted only the first letter of each commandment put back up. What to do? A committee was formed. Meetings were held, and the merits of each option were vigorously discussed. The rabbi at that time, Rabbi Daniel Isaak, was often seen hauling around one of the letters - a shiny four-foot tall *lamed* - to demonstrate its size and appearance.

Finally, the congregation held a vote. Overwhelmingly, the consensus was to put every single letter back up in its original position.

The Ten Commandments have a special meaning for the Jewish people. Although they can seem imposing and authoritative, ultimately they are the foundation on which our kind and loving community is built. Neveh Shalom, which can be translated as 'Dwelling of Peace,' is an apt place for these tablets to reside.

*Thank you to Sheri Cordova, Rabbi Stampfer, and Marci Atkins for their contributions to this story. Another useful source was Gary Miranda's book 'Following a River: Portland's Congregation Neveh Shalom, 1869-1989.'*

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# Butter for Your Breadsticks

**By Jessica Fenton**

I've been thinking about my grandfather a lot lately because I just had a baby and named him after my grandfather. One of my favorite memories of Papa is how he used to pick me and my sister up from school, give us a Diet Coke and a bag of breadsticks with butter to eat in the car, and take us straight to Hebrew school twice a week. (During Passover it was matzo with butter!) Hebrew school was a natural part of my childhood, and I have so many fun and silly memories associated with it.

It warms my heart to see my son Joseph creating his own Hebrew school memories. Although he dreads having to go somewhere after a long day of school, he always comes home from ALIYAH classes smiling and in a great mood. Added bonus: He actually learns valuable Jewish things as well! He seems to be excited about learning Hebrew, and he really enjoys the melodies of the prayers he sings at Sunday school. When I asked him to share a favorite memory of ALIYAH, he said he loves the Back to Shul event in the Fall. "I get excited for a new year of holidays and Hebrew school. Plus, I like the hot dogs!"

When asked about her favorite ALIYAH memory, Eden Peled age 6, said, "I like seeing my friends and making stuff to use during the Jewish holidays."

I discovered that many cherished memories from ages 5-10 involve festive holidays. Second grader Ido Dolev shared that his favorite memory is when he studied about Purim with his ALIYAH class.

Often we are reminded about a time when Neveh Shalom touched our lives through our children. Their memories are intertwined with our memories, and we appreciate the beautiful *shidduch* (connection) between our family and our synagogue. Cory Raiton has two children enrolled in the ALIYAH program. She shared her beautiful thoughts with me.

*One day, after picking up Elliot from ALIYAH, he still had his kippah on. We were popping into the grocery store before*



Jessica Fenton, husband Garret and baby Myer

*going home, and I remarked that he could take it off and leave it in the car. He said to me, "No mama, I want to keep it on so everyone in the store will know that I'm Jewish!" and I nearly burst into tears. This year, Katherine has been singing Ani Noladeti, and it makes me tingle with pride that she is connecting with culture, language, peers, values, identity... Judaism. Bottom line, my children's Jewish identity is well established and has become their personal point of pride. The ALIYAH program has supported them in tangible and meaningful ways, and has supported me as I work to instill Jewish values, customs and traditions at home.*

ALIYAH memories are like butter for your breadsticks. They add rich wholesome flavor to your child's Jewish experience. My son's grandmother picks him up from school on Tuesdays and takes him for a special snack before Hebrew school. It is a coincidence that my son and I share a similar Hebrew school memory, but it is no coincidence that we have learned the same rich traditions and language. These grade school years are helping him form his identity, and I am grateful that Neveh Shalom plays a huge role in that. His Bar Mitzvah will carry meaning for him, and he will understand its significance due to his ALIYAH education.

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# 5 Questions for Rabbi Joshua Stampfer

*How a snowstorm led to Neveh Shalom's founding, and reflections on Jewish life in Portland*

**By Gary Rubin**

*Memories at Neveh Shalom date back to the earliest days when our current synagogue formed in 1961. To find out more about how we developed as a congregation, we sat down with Rabbi Emeritus Joshua Stampfer to talk about the history of our building and his memories of influencing Jewish life in Portland for more than 60 years.*

**Chronicle: What do you remember about the founding of the current Neveh Shalom?**

Rabbi Stampfer: The founding of our current Neveh Shalom began with a great accident. I was the rabbi at Ahavai Shalom and there was another conservative congregation in town, Neveh Zedek. I knew the rabbi there very well and there is history between the two shuls dating back to the 1800s. In the winter of 1961, a great snowstorm hit Portland and the roof of Ahavai Shalom collapsed under the weight of the snow. Fortunately, no one was injured. It was in some way a fortunate accident because a large bat mitzvah was scheduled for that day but the bat mitzvah girl became ill and the ceremony was cancelled. The roof collapsed at the very moment when the luncheon was to have taken place. Fortunately, nobody was there and no one was injured. The damage meant we had to do major repairs to the building. At the same time, the state was building a freeway in our area and we didn't know the

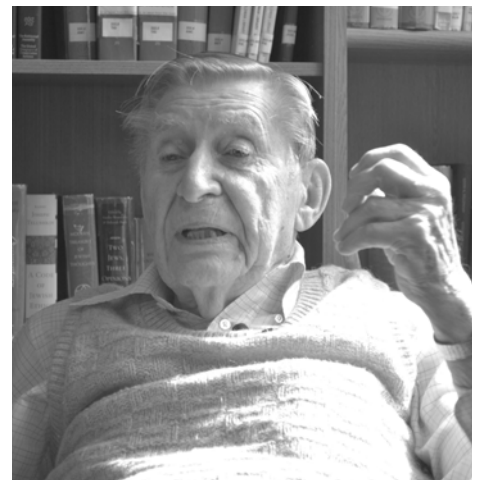
route that it would take. At that point, everything came together as a perfect storm. The present 405 freeway route was going to eliminate our synagogue and the building was in bad shape, so we knew we had to rebuild somewhere. While this was going on, Neveh Zedek graciously allowed us to use its facilities for services and a growing friendship developed among the congregations. When we had to rebuild, it was natural that we would rebuild together. Neveh Zedek was an older congregation and didn't see at that time a good future for itself. It all meshed together and we then merged to form Neveh Shalom.

**Chronicle: How did you feel about the larger congregation?**

Rabbi Stampfer: On the whole, I felt good about it. We were embarking on a major building program and were stronger together. I also felt good about assuring the future of Neveh Zedek. There was a wave of enthusiasm about what we could do together.

**Chronicle: How did you approach your role as a rabbi? What are your fondest memories?**

Rabbi: Rabbi means teacher, so the role is expressed in the word. I've always thought my role is to educate Jewish people in their faith, history and future. We have a great adult education program at Neveh Shalom, but really



*"I've always thought my role is to educate Jewish people in their faith, history and future."*

effective teaching can only be done with younger people. That's why very early in my career I began our Foundation School so we could teach children in their earliest years and give them a foundation in Jewish learning. Camp Solomon Schechter was not founded as a traditional summer camp, but rather an educational camp to provide education in a way that was appealing to kids.

**Chronicle: How did Camp Solomon Schechter come about?**

Rabbi Stampfer: It began because I came to Portland with three young boys. B'nai B'rith Camp was the only Jewish camp around and I went there to enroll my sons. When I spoke with the director he



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# Our Favorite Memories at Neveh Shalom

## The Graduating Tichon Religious School Class



Jacob Alberts, Hannah Sacks, Jack Friedman  
Three of our 12th graders from our Tichon graduating class.

"When we were in Hebrew immersion, our teacher had a funny way of saying the word "narrator", and we had constant amusement from that one silly thing."

"Reading Hebrew stories with a curriculum that used weirdly drawn people."

"Learning tropes in 6th grade, when the immersion kids and the regular track combined and we all got to be together."

"The cooking elective in Tichon."

"Being in USY. Being on Board shaped me as a leader and trained me in skills for program leadership development and mentoring younger kids. USY made me more Jewish, and got me more in touch with our rituals like reading Torah."

**The Tichon graduation is on Wednesday, May 25, 6:30pm in the Stampfer Chapel. The community is invited to attend.**

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## Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Continue



said to me, almost in a sidebar, that the camp was not kosher. I asked him why, and he said it was too expensive to run a kosher camp. I told him I understood and that my sons would go to a kosher camp, so I immediately went to work establishing Camp Solomon Schechter.

**Chronicle: Over the years, what's one piece of advice that you've shared with congregants about living a good life?**

Rabbi Stampfer: If I have to pick one, it would be being open to change. There's a tendency to resist change. You can find that attitude in Jewish literature as well. The old saying goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." That's fundamentally wrong. The wise thing to do is address a

*We have to be open to [change] and welcome it.*

*-Rabbi Joshua Stampfer*

change before something breaks. By the time it breaks, that's too late. You want to introduce change that will prevent the break from happening. We have to be open to that and welcome it.

*Watch for video excerpts from our interview with Rabbi Stampfer on our YouTube channel and on our website. During the session, he talked about the founding of the state of Israel, his memories of Camp Solomon Schechter, and how Jewish life in Portland changed for him after our building opened. – Ed.*

# A Myriad of Memories and a Grateful Goodbye

by Marci Atkins

*"She placed the ring of keys in the empty drawer, closed the door behind her, and left quietly without saying goodbye."*



I've been taught it's that first sentence in a novel that tells the reader whether the rest of the book is worth reading. How apt that I be asked to write an article of "my CNS memories" just weeks before I return my keys and close my door.

This is a daunting task! I've been a member since my family arrived from West Virginia circa 1955. That's a

lot of years to accumulate memories! Not to my surprise, it's the people and the relationships that come to mind in my earliest years.... I see Marcus Bateman (office manager), Alice Mandler (his assistant and Gift Shop lady), Harriet Steinberg (principal), Becky Menashe (librarian) and the ubiquitous Rabbi Stampfer. Highlights that weave throughout the 50s and 60s include: Rabbi Stampfer always wearing his long



March 1960 First Grade Class

black robe during services, ending every Sunday School day with all assembled singing "Shalom Haverim" as we exited, the Sisterhood ladies pouring coffee/tea from silver urns into real cups and

saucers during the Onegs, the Men's Club Father/Daughter dance where my lucky dad had THREE dates (!), the Men's Club summer picnics at Blue Lake Park, the Staff Musical Purim Shpiel where Joy Rabin always played Vashti, crossing 13th Street to the JCC for a Sunday afternoon of fun with friends, male Cantors, singing with the youth chorus of "Shir Leaders", and observing High Holy Days at the Portland Civic Auditorium as the congregation grew.

I first assumed the role of Morah Marci (with the guitar) in Foundation school (1989), "graduated" upstairs to the

Religious School office as Principal (1994), and eventually settled into my current position of Clergy Assistant and Event Coordinator/Facilities Manager (1997). I realize now what I was actually doing was creating memories for my own, now grown, children as they made their way through these halls. Once again it's the people and the relationships that "matter." It should come as no surprise that some of my children's closest friends, "found" in Foundation School, are now dancing at each other's weddings! Life is indeed circular.



May 1970 Graduating Class

Unlike the girl in my novel, I won't leave "without saying goodbye." CNS has and will always be an integral part of my life; goodbye is unnecessary. I read somewhere that retirement is when you *stop living at work and begin working at living*. When asked what my future desires in retirement might be I responded with a favorite toast learned from my Sephardic grandmother... *"Salud, dinero, amigos, amour, y tiempo para disfrutar"*...Health, wealth, friends, love and the time to enjoy them.

Thanks for the memories Neveh Shalom!

*The Neveh Shalom Staff and Community sends blessings to Marci and her family. We will miss her presence in the office and are heartened to know that she will still be around the community. We wish her the best.*

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# Of Melodies and Memories, Learning to Leyn

by Leah Klass



Learn to Leyn is a weekly class taught by Deb Freedberg for members who want to learn to chant Torah or *leyn*. Many students take the class with the specific goal of accompanying their own children at their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. It is in this special environment that parents can rekindle memories of their own B'nai Mitzvah and start new traditions.

For a look inside the world of adult education at Neveh Shalom, you can drop by one of the upstairs classrooms after work on a weeknight. There you will find adults dressed comfortably in khakis and polo shirts or casual wear, sitting at school desks in a collegial atmosphere. They get right down to business, removing highlighted Torah portions from folders, learning each trope by a color-coded system. Some use technology to compare passages with and without vowels and trope markings. Deb takes time to work individually with each student, listening as they chant. Later in the evening, they meander over to chant in the chapel, a way to support each other in their practice.

Teresa Coughlin wasn't raised Jewish and didn't read Hebrew until she studied with Rabbi Isaak for her own Bat Mitzvah in

2013. That helped her prepare for her daughter Brianna's Bat Mitzvah and today she continues to leyn regularly, amazed at "how fast the kids get it!"

Marc Shapiro was encouraged to learn to leyn for his daughter Anna's Bat Mitzvah two years ago. His enthusiasm about chanting Torah is contagious.

Karen Metter "fell in love with the process" of learning to chant. "The more I learned, the more I wanted to learn." She was part of the Adult Bnai Mitzvah class and she leyns in honor of her late mother, who was a Holocaust Survivor.

Scott Weinrobe was motivated to learn to chant Torah as he prepares for his son Joshua's Bar Mitzvah this year. "I wanted to recognize how hard he's working, to let him know how much I think of him...it's amazing."

*Deb Freedberg adores working with adult students. She's been at this important job for more than 20 years. Their appreciation of her talents is audible. Here the melodies of memories past blend together with new family traditions. Deb encourages anyone and everyone to come and Learn to Leyn.*

*To learn more about adult education at Neveh Shalom, please contact Mel Berwin at 503-293-7306.*

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## In Memory of Yoni Suher

**Yonatan "Yoni" Suher, z"l (March 16, 1976 - March 19, 2016).** Husband of Inbal, father of Goni (9) and Uri (7), son of Randy (Yael) Suher, nephew of CNS member Brian (Barbara Atlas) Suher, and grandson of the late Ted Suher (z"l), a past president of Neveh Shalom between 1968-70.



Suher was tragically killed in a deadly suicide bombing in central Istanbul, Turkey. At the time of the attack, Suher was on vacation with his wife, Inbal, to celebrate his 40th birthday. Inbal, who was also wounded in the blast, underwent emergency surgery in Turkey.

While Yoni moved with his family to Israel when he was one, Rabbi Stampfer remembers well officiating at the Brit Milah that Dr. Victor Menashe performed in Portland, now

almost exactly forty years ago. Making Aliyah to Israel came about as Yoni's father met his Israeli wife Yael on Kevutzat Shiller in the late 1960s as a summer volunteer.

Yoni's American roots ran deep, with many visits and great love of the Pacific Northwest, including the Blazers and the Seahawks. On several occasions, Yoni travelled the USA, including two summers ago when he and his three brothers took a road trip, down the entire Oregon coast to the Redwoods.

Inbal, Yoni's wife and mother of their children was released after three weeks in a Tel Aviv hospital, and is recovering now at her home in Tel Aviv.



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# On the Calendar

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## Join In

### **Sunday, May 1, 4:00pm A Mitzvah beyond Measure**

Join fellow congregants on an on-going sewing project that is one of the greatest mitzvot you can perform. Intrigued? Curious? Join us! For more information or to sign up, please e-mail [sandyaxel@msn.com](mailto:sandyaxel@msn.com) or call 503-709-0080.

### **Wednesday, May 4, 6:00pm Yom Hashoah Event**

Annual Community-wide ritual of remembrance for those who perished in the Shoah. This memorial service is free and open to the public; suitable for all ages. Held at CNS.

### **Friday, May 6, 6:15pm Congregant Led First Friday Shabbat**

**Friday, May 13, 6:15pm, Sephardic Shabbat, Main Sanctuary**  
Exploring Jewish music from the Sephardic and Eastern Communities. Featuring: Peter Zisa on guitar, Cantors Deborah Bletstein and Linda Shivers. Traditional Spanish dinner by reservation to follow in the Birnbach Hall. RSVP at: [nevehshalom.com/sephardicshabbat](http://nevehshalom.com/sephardicshabbat). Free and open to all.

### **Sunday, May 15, 9:30am ALIYAH Kindergarten Visit Day**

Registration is about to begin for our ALIYAH Jewish Learning program, and you are invited to visit! Parents and children are invited to come meet our director, learn about our curriculum and community, visit our classrooms, meet teachers, and see our kids in action!

### **Sunday, May 15, 4:00pm PJ Our Way Book Club, Room 111**

Dive into a great Jewish book! Dynamic book discussions for kids age 9-11. Feel free to drop in! We will meet in Room 111, next to the CNS Library.

### **Tuesday, May 17, 2pm, Tea at Two with the Wondering Jews,**

Neveh Shalom's 65+ crowd (but open to all ages!). Learn about Disability Under the Social Security Act--From the Perspective of a Retired Federal Administrative Law Judge with Riley Atkins. Zidell Chapel. Free.

### **Sunday, May 22, 9:30am ALIYAH Lag B'Omer Celebration**

ALIYAH welcomes all families to our annual outdoor back-to-nature festival.

### **Sunday, June 5, 7:00pm Alicia Svigals Concert**

Alicia Svigals is the world's leading klezmer fiddler and founder of the Grammy-winning Klezmatics. She will be performing with Accordionist Christina Crowder. \$18 Adults; \$10 Students. Tickets at: [nevehshalom.org/aliciasvigals](http://nevehshalom.org/aliciasvigals)

**Tuesday, June 7, 2pm, Tea at Two with the Wondering Jews,**  
Neveh Shalom's 65+ crowd (but open to all ages!). All of Jewish History in One Hour with Rabbi Jonathan Porath: Former Congregational Rabbi, Wexner faculty member, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Russian Department senior staff, Rabbi Porath is known across the country as an energetic speaker. We are thrilled to welcome him to Neveh Shalom. Zidell Chapel. Free.

### **Saturday, June 11, 8:30pm Come to the Mountain - Torah for Everyone: A Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Celebration**

Join Us for an Evening of Fun and Learning

### **Saturday, June 25, 3:00pm, Shabbat Park Playdate**

Laurelhurst Park (by the playground at the corner of SE Caesar Chavez and Stark). Join eastside families for a lazy Shabbat afternoon in the park. Bring a blanket and some toys or games, we'll provide snacks. Questions: [nbarish@gmail.com](mailto:nbarish@gmail.com)

## Holiday Services

Shavuot Services, June 12 & 13, 9:00am, Stampfer Chapel

## Unveiling

Sunday, May 1, 11:30am Ahavai Sholom Cemetery  
Unveiling for Ernest Waxman

Sunday, May 8, 10:00am Neveh Zedek Cemetery  
Unveiling for Harold Fowler

Sunday, May 15, 10:00am Neveh Zedek Cemetery  
Unveiling for Rachel Seiler

Sunday, May 22, 12:30pm Ahavai Sholom Cemetery  
Unveiling for Eleanor Fisher

Monday, May 30, 11:30am Ahavai Sholom Cemetery  
Unveiling for Sam Schaffer

Sunday, June 5, 10:00am Ahavai Sholom Cemetery  
Unveiling for Robert Weinstein

Monday, June 20, 4:30pm Ahavai Sholom Cemetery  
Unveiling for Helen Goldhammer

Sunday, June 26, 10:00am Neveh Zedek Cemetery  
Unveiling for Trudy Lesch

## Young Family Activities

**Sundays: May 1, 15, 9:00am Boker Tov Bunch, Feldstein Library** Wake up and get some wiggles out during Boker Tov Bunch with Kaiya, our librarian. We will tell stories, sing songs and enjoy a snack!

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## **Saturdays, May 7, 14, June 4, 18, 10:15am Tot Shabbat**

Join other young families in Zidell Chapel for singing, dancing, stories, indoor picnic-style lunch, and Shabbat fun.

## **Fridays, May 27, June 24, 5:15pm Fourth Friday**

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

**Sunday, June 5, 10:30am Storytime at Hillsdale Farmer's Market** Join Rabbi Eve Posen at the Rieke School Playground for story and play time. Fun for all ages!

## **Lend a Hand**

**Sundays, May 15, June 19, 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. Jordan Epstein, 503.245.6580, yaakovm@comcast.net

**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 503-293-7308

## **Koleinu Choir**

### **Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm, 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. All are welcome. For more information: 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

## **Shabbat Greeter**

Take part in making Neveh Shalom the warm and welcoming place it is by getting involved from time to time as a Shabbat Greeter! if interested, please contact Wendy Kahn: [cnsmembership@nevehshalom.org](mailto:cnsmembership@nevehshalom.org)

## **ORA Artist Group, June 5**

ORA is inviting any Jewish artist to join our group. We are a non profit organization of northwest Jewish artists under the umbrella of the Jewish Federation, based in Portland, who support and educate our members and the community about the visual arts. Our next meeting is June 5th and is also the date to jury to exhibit and sell in our shows. Please contact Diane at [silksbydiane@gmail.com](mailto:silksbydiane@gmail.com) for details. See our website at [www.northwestjewishartists.org](http://www.northwestjewishartists.org).

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## A Successful Auction

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Thank you to everyone who came to help make our Chai Stakes Casino Night and Auction a success! In particular, we'd like to thank all the sponsors:

### **Casino Table**

Garfinkle Orthodontics  
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Special thanks to our auction chair team:  
Ronnie and David Malka, Jeff and Julie Robinson,  
and Mindy and Mark Zeitzer

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# My Journey to Neveh by Jacqueline (Jackie) Rose

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I cherish my childhood memories of Passover seders, which were huge and splendid events. My mother was born in Italy and her family had to make a harrowing escape while the Nazis were in power. Although the Italian Jews may have fared relatively better in Italy, nevertheless some of my Italian ancestors ended up murdered in Auschwitz.

The relatives who made it to this country celebrated their freedom during Passover. With my grandfather steadfastly leading us through the entire service, we sang Passover songs with verses that alternated between Italian and Hebrew, ate sumptuous Italian-Jewish food, and welcomed a large stream of friends and acquaintances to join us.

Learning about the Holocaust very early in life, being bullied as the only Jewish child at a boarding school—these things cast a shadow over my Jewish identity. I did have two deeply meaningful trips to Israel in late adolescence. Since that time until age 50, however, I was basically uncomfortable being Jewish. I didn't want to be hated.

No matter how I tried to distance myself from my heritage, later in my life I longed for connection to my roots. With the help of Rabbi Aryeh Hirshfield of blessed memory, my terror of being Jewish evolved into a proud embracing of it. I remained in congregation P'nai Or for nine years. Then, for about five years, my mother's illness demanded my full attention.

After gradually emerging from a few years of intense grief over my mother's passing, and after my retirement, I became aware, yet again, of needing a Jewish community. I wasn't expecting to find it in the happenstance way that I did! I had some Jewish books to donate and knew that the Feldstein Library had the largest collection in the region. In driving there, I was again awestruck by the gorgeous facility. In perusing the new member packet and program brochure, I was very impressed. Next thing I knew, I became a member!

I'm so excited to be a new member of Neveh Shalom. My

initial trepidation about not fitting in was quickly dispelled. I cannot say enough about how incredibly welcoming everyone is, from Rabbi Kosak and all the staff, to the congregants I've met. I've enjoyed services, special events, adult education, lectures. It is never an issue to attend alone, as people are friendly when I get there. I feel like I have found a very warm, inviting Jewish community and I'm so grateful. I'm looking forward to many new Neveh Shalom memories to come.

*Jackie Rose is a retired librarian (manager of youth services) and her first career was in social work. She is enjoying her retirement to the max! She works on a crisis hotline that receives calls from all over the U.S. from people contemplating suicide, veterans, those with drug and alcohol problems, and youth. Jackie loves playing the piano and singing in Aurora Chorus.*

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## Do Tell by Tamar Wyte-Lake

CNS Members Answer A Few Intriguing Questions

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### Barry Horowitz,

along with his wife Fanny, is beginning his 25th year at Neveh Shalom. He has been involved with many Neveh programs and activities.

According to Barry, "It's a great feeling for us to see our family beginning their



own involvement - "teach the children well" was true in 1970 (yes that long ago) when Fanny and I were married and it's as true today as ever."

**If you could have lunch with any three people (real or fictitious from any time period, dead or alive), which three people would you choose and why?**

Sir Winston Churchill was a leader of great courage and fortitude during the WWII period; if there was a 'real life' Moses, I'd like to know what it was like to be alone, with Ha Shem, on Mt. Sinai and receive the 10 Commandments; Willie Mays was my childhood (and for a long time afterwards) hero, it would be fantastic to speak with him for as long as possible.



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<b>1</b> 23 nisan <b>9:00am Morning Minyan</b> 9:00am Boker Tov Brunch 9:00am ALIYAH 10:30am Mothers Circle Brunch 4:00pm A Mitzvah Beyond Measure	<b>2</b> 24 nisan <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 25 nisan <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud Class 6:30pm Hebrew Prayer I 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	<b>4</b> 26 nisan <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 4:15pm ALIYAH 7:00pm Yom Hashoah Event 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:30pm Learn Tropes	<b>5</b> 27 nisan <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 11:00am R Stampfer Class 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak 7:00pm Executive Meeting <b>YOM HASHOAH</b>	<b>6</b> 28 nisan <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 6:15pm Congregant Led First Friday Shabbat	<b>7</b> 29 nisan <b>9:00am Shabbat Services</b> 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kiddush Club <b>Acharei Mot</b>
<b>8</b> 30 nisan <b>9:00am Morning Minyan</b> 9:00am ALIYAH 10:00am Celebration for Linnea Solomon <b>ROSH CHODESH MOTHERS DAY</b>	<b>9</b> 1 iyar <b>7:00am Morning Minyan</b> 7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	<b>10</b> 2 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud Class 6:30pm Hebrew Prayer I 7:00pm Membership Meeting	<b>11</b> 3 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 4:15pm ALIYAH 6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:30pm Learn Tropes <b>YOM HAZIKARON OBSERVED</b>	<b>12</b> 4 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 11:00am R Stampfer Class 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting <b>YOM HAATZMA'UT OBSERVED</b>	<b>13</b> 5 iyar <b>Bat Mitzvah of Amelia Winkelman</b> <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 6:15pm Shabbat Around the World Musical Service	<b>14</b> 6 iyar <b>Bat Mitzvah of Amelia Winkelman</b> <b>9:00am Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Downstairs Minyan <b>Kedoshim</b>
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<b>22</b> 14 iyar <b>9:00am Morning Minyan</b> 9:00am ALIYAH 9:30am ALIYAH's Lag B'Omer Community Celebration	<b>23</b> 15 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 7:30pm Koleinu (choir) Rehearsal <b>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</b>	<b>24</b> 16 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 4:15pm ALIYAH 5:00pm Talmud Class 6:30pm Hebrew Prayer I 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	<b>25</b> 17 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 4:15pm ALIYAH 6:00pm Hebrew Crash Course 6:30pm Tichon Graduation 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:30pm Learn Tropes	<b>26</b> 18 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak <b>LAG BA'OMER</b>	<b>27</b> 19 iyar <b>Bar Mitzvah of Adi Solomon</b> <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 5:15pm Fourth Friday 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>28</b> 20 iyar <b>Bar Mitzvah of Adi Solomon</b> <b>9:00am Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Downstairs Minyan <b>Behar</b>
<b>29</b> 21 iyar <b>9:00am Morning Minyan</b>	<b>30</b> 22 iyar <b>CNS OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>9:00am Morning Minyan</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>31</b> 23 iyar <b>7:15am Morning Minyan</b> 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit				

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<b>12</b> 6 sivan 9:00am Shavuot Service  <b>SHAVUOT</b>	<b>13</b> 7 sivan <b>CNS OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00am Shavuot Service  <b>SHAVUOT YIZKOR</b>	<b>14</b> 8 sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class  <b>FLAG DAY</b>	<b>15</b> 9 sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan	<b>16</b> 10 sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak 7:00pm Annual Meeting	<b>17</b> 11 sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>18</b> 12 sivan 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kiddush Club  <i>Naso</i>
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## Member News

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### Kvell With Us

**Welcome Our New Members:** Aura Sagner and Terri Simon

After 27 years of service to the CNS community, **Marci Atkins** will be retiring on May 13. We wish her all of the best and look forward to continuing to see her around the congregation. You can see her memories on page 10.

In recognition of decades of volunteerism and philanthropic leadership, **Carolyn Weinstein** will receive the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award this fall at the International Lion of Judah Conference. You can read more at the Oregon Jewish life website.



Mazel Tov to **Marc and Susan Levitte** on the birth of their first grandchild, Alexander Chen Levitte. Alex was born January 28, 2016 and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 in. long. He is the son of George and Lisa (nee Chen) Levitte of New York City.

Mazel Tov to parents **Misha and David Isaak** and grandparents **Rabbi Daniel and Carol Isaak** on the birth of **Frances Charlotte Isaak**. Frances was born on April 3, weighing 9 lbs. 2.7 oz. Frances is named for David's late godfather and uncle, Frank Connors, and for Chris (birth parent)'s father and grandfather, both of whom were named Charles. Her last name is the legacy of Misha's father Daniel and grandfather Helmut. They wish for her Uncle Frank's zest for life, the artistic hands of Chris's father and grandfather, and the love of learning of an Isaak.



Mazel Tov to **Estee Emlen**, daughter of Matt and Elana Emlen and granddaughter of Rabbi and Goldie Stampfer, who was named Wilson High School's Rose Festival Court Princess for 2016.

Mazel tov to **Jacob Krall & Faye van der Fluit** on their wedding February 7. Proud parents are **Dr. Michael and Kathleen Krall** of Portland, and **Hedy van der Fluit** of Los Angeles.

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

**Jordan Epstein**, on the passing of his son Jonathan Epstein (z"l)

**Rae Goldenberg**, on the passing of her son Jeffrey Goldenberg (z"l)

**Vicki Weiss**, on the passing of her father George Kastner (z"l)

**Daniel (Roberta) Ruimy**, on the passing of his mother, Mimi Ruimy (z"l)

**Marla (Bob) Weiner**, on the passing of her aunt, Nina Weinstein (z"l), widow of former Ahavai Sholom President, Philip Weinstein (z"l)

**Brian (Barbara Atlas) Suher**, on the passing of his nephew Yonatan (Yoni) Suher (z"l)

**Rivkah Gevurtz**, on the passing of her father Herman Birch (z"l)

**John (Stephanie Arnheim) Sheldon**, on the passing of his mother Ruth Sheldon (z"l)

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## Library News

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### Feldstein Library is Accredited, Thank you Kaiya!



Over the past two years, Kaiya Goldhammer, our Neveh Shalom Librarian, has worked to earn Basic Accreditation for the Feldstein Library from the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL). Accreditation recognizes professionalism, adherence to AJL's high standards of librarianship, and a commitment to maintaining a relevant collection and meeting the needs of the library community. Through the accreditation process all aspects of the library are evaluated. In the coming years she will work to meet the standards for Advanced Accreditation for the Feldstein Library.



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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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**Earl Stanley Oller, z"l (December 20, 1946 - March 9, 2016).** Of highest priority to Earl was his family. He was loved by his wife of 46 years, **Dale Oller**. He was respected and adored by his children, **Sarah Oller Scott** and **Josh Oller**, his in-law children, **Ryan Scott** and **Heather Adair Oller**, and delighted in his four grandchildren, **Daniel and Jessica Oller** and **Maya and Emma Scott**.

Earl is also survived by a twin brother, **Robert Oller** and sister, **Rosalind Oller**.

Earl was truly blessed by the closeness of trans-generational cousinhood. He was committed to and loved by all of "the cousins"; Singers, Mundells, Ollers, Bardes, Gorins and Goulds. Making his life full and meaningful was his very dedicated group of many men friends.

Earl attended Portland State University in sociology studies. This motivated him to serve as a Vista Volunteer in the late 1960s. In the north end of Chicago, he developed the heart and soul of a social worker, dedicated to and caring for disadvantaged youth. However, his strength as an entrepreneurial leader came in his career as a pawnbroker. For over 40 years he created and led the Oregon Pawnbrokers as President, created a voice in legislation, served nearly a decade as a Board Member of the National Pawnbrokers Association and mentored the next generation of leaders in the field.

**Naomi (Belman) Olds (May 3, 1932 - March 8, 2016).**

Naomi (Belman) Olds was born on May 3, 1932 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and passed away on March 8, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. She graduated from the University of Arizona, married Donald Olds in July of 1955 and moved to Oregon. Naomi taught at Alameda grade school, and left to run the Bathroom Boutique at Linoleum City. She is survived by her son **Dan Olds (Lori)** of Mission Viejo, California and her daughter **Debbie Lewis (Nels)** of Portland, Oregon and five grandchildren.

**Benjiman Philan, z"l (May 31, 1948 - March 5, 2016).** Benjiman (Ben) Philan was born in Portland, Oregon, on May 31, 1948, and passed away on March 5, 2016. He graduated from Benson High School where he studied building construction, and from Portland State University with a B.S. in Business Administration. Ben served in the US Army Reserve for six years, and he spent his working career in various aspects of the building materials industry.



He was an active member of the Jewish community, particularly at Neveh Shalom, as well as in business and community organizations. He loved helping people in a variety of ways, and has been described as warm, friendly, kind, practical, a role model, and a true gentleman. He always made time for family and friends. He loved working on projects, walking with his wife, traveling to other parts of the world, and sailing on the Willamette River.

Ben is survived by his wife, **Jeanette**, his children **Bradley** and **Michelle (Brian)**, his granddaughters, **Anna** and **Charlotte**, his sister, **Judy Macktinger**, his aunts and uncle, **Mary and Rich Peizner** and **Lee Funesa**, a large extended family, and a wide circle of friends.



**Leonid Berenbeym (August 5, 1923 - April 4, 2016).** Born in Ukraine in 1923, Leonid entered World War II as a combat officer and fought in many combats until he was wounded in 1944, some shrapnel left in his body. With MS in Philosophy, he could not get a job due to openly speaking against anti-Semitism in USSR, until the end of Stalin era when he became an engineer. In 1992, Leonid's dream for free democratic society came true when he emigrated to US. Loving husband, father and grandfather, Leonid loved life and was always surrounded by good friends. His strong spirit that overcame many hardships and losses, and allowed him to share his passion for life, love, and poetry until his last days, is and will remain an inspiration to many of us family and friends. He is survived by his son **Alexsander Berenbeym**.

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**Rick Hartoch asked members of our community about their time in Israel:**

**Anthony and Priscilla Kostiner** - One of our most dynamic trips to Israel was in June 1991 shortly after the amazing 36-hour airlift of 14,000 Ethiopian Jews. We flew to Tiberius to meet with the Ethiopians, including new babies born during their flight to Israel. Then at 2:00am we returned to Tel Aviv to welcome bleary-eyed Russian immigrants as they came off the plane, singing and dancing with them. The significance of Israel's continued commitment to rescue Jews from difficult places was made all the more real by our witnessing this extraordinary process in action.



**Raul and Lidia Krivoy** - Each trip we explore different parts of Israel, often visiting Raul's brother and family in Haifa plus several close childhood friends from Argentina who made aliyah years ago. We rejoiced dancing at our three nieces' weddings and celebrated a bar mitzvah at the Kotel. Our ultimate enjoyment has been going to the beach in Haifa for its warm waters, busy promenade, gorgeous sunsets and freshly squeezed pomegranate juice. Even our Argentinean tea "mate" tastes better by the Mediterranean Sea although it may be due to the chocolate rugelach hot out of the oven!

**Petra and Howard Shapiro** - We were on Neveh Shalom's fabulous 2008 Israel trip, led by Rabbi Isaak to celebrate Israel's 60th Anniversary. Wonderful memories include a visit to an Arab/Jewish school where kids did just fine together, helping in an archeological dig and finding some ancient shards and being Gabbai for Mira Hayward-Steiner's Bat Mitzvah at the Kotel. Also, in one day Petra swam in the, "Med, Dead and Red" Seas! Amazing!



**Mia Osherow, Dave Chapman and Amelia** - I (Mia) took a year-long break from college to study and volunteer in Israel as a participant in Project Otzma. Part of the year I was in Merkaz Klitah in Ra'anana. Upon our arrival we were enlisted to help a group of Jewish war refugees arriving from The Balkans. In the middle of the night we greeted bleary-eyed, overwhelmed families padding into their apartments with all their possessions in their arms. What stuck with me was Israel's generosity. When these Jewish families were displaced as a result of war and had nowhere to call home, Israel came to their rescue. It reminded me why I'd come to Israel in the first place.

*If you are interested in helping out by answering a question for a future edition of the Chronicle, please give Rick a call or text at 503-490-4321*



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# Lag B'Omer

**Kids and Family Back-to-Nature Day**

**Free and open to the community**

**Sunday, May 22**

**9:30 - 11:30am**



**Bonfire**



**Israeli Shuk**



**Art Projects**



**Music & Dance**



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## Torah for Everyone

A Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Celebration

Saturday, June 11, 8:00pm  
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8:00pm: Nosh

8:30pm: Ma'ariv

9:00pm: Study Sessions 1

9:45pm: Cheesecake

10:30pm: Study Session 2

*Join us for an evening of fun and learning!*



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