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Connections

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Neveh's Connection with Israel ~ and So Much More!

Connecting with Neveh Shalom

ALIYAH End of the Year



Morah Keren Barbash finished the year by paying special tribute to each child in her 1st grade class.



Kids enjoying crafts and special treats at the end of the year Lag B'Omer celebration.

Shoreshim



Fourth Friday draws a young family crowd to Rabbi Posen's house for a potluck Shabbat dinner.

Wondering Jews



Rabbi Jonathan Porath teaches "All of Jewish History in One Hour" at our Tea at Two monthly lecture series, which is part of our Wondering Jews 65+ group. This series is open to all.

One of Ours: A Lesson in Forgiveness and Connection

Rabbi David Kosak

This month, we are highlighting the many types of connection that occur in the hearts and lives of our kehillah. Here is the one I'd like to put forth.

He had a slow-acting cancer--the sort that lets you prepare for your end. Of course, this was a man who'd had a lifetime of illness, and perhaps that helped him focus on what matters. So he gathered his many friends and large family by his bedside over long months. There, with his precious garden a stone's throw past the wall of windows, and birds chirping all about, he told them how much he cherished them. They in turn confirmed their love for him. Some even gave him copies of the eulogies they prepared, providing him with another window--the one that let him see how others saw him. It allowed him to measure some part of his life's impact.



That may be one of the more difficult tasks we are faced with. We have a pretty good grasp on how we perceive ourselves, after all. As far as that goes, it is accurate too, because the measure is a wholly subjective one, and therefore correct. No one else gets to experience ourselves in this manner. No one else gets to witness our lives from the inside.

Still, our friends and families (and sometimes our enemies) have their own take on who we are and sometimes it provides an important corrective to our own sense of self. There are a lot of people who are kinder to their friends than they are to themselves, after all. I'd like to think that the connections and relationships we build in our *kehilla kedosha*, our community at Neveh Shalom, do just that. They don't always.

As he lay dying, celebrating a life of love and genuine friendships, I asked him if he would like to recite the end of life confessional prayer, known as the viddui. Reading over the words, he discovered he wasn't ready to commit to the viddui. One hurt still nestled within him like a knot. One person remained whom he could not forgive for an event that occurred decades earlier. I was fortunate to discuss this affront with him over many months--honored that he felt comfortable opening up to me. Who couldn't understand his situation either? Harder than getting a hold on how others see us, harder than apologizing, I suspect one of the most difficult tasks we human beings must wrestle with is forgiving

another. We can be very attached to our righteous indignation.

The deeper the cut, the harder it is to reconnect, the more difficult it is for our hearts to let go. Yet even small affronts can catch our attention for unreasonable amounts of time. There are many explanations for why this should be. If we felt pain when touching a burning hot stove, it's useful not to forget.

Unfortunately, when it comes to our emotions, an instant of pain gets stored in the limbic part of our brains. When our thoughts return to the incident, we also relive the initial--and

now long vanished pain. Our suffering returns. That in turn seems to trigger our hard-wired desire for retaliation, which exacerbates our difficulty in forgiving. Strong emotions, and particularly strong negative emotions, strengthen memory. There's a famous line by poet Robert Burns in which a ne'er do good's wife sits by the fire, feeling spurned and abandoned and "nursing her wrath to keep it warm." Haven't we all been guilty of that?

A life of connection, such as occurs in a religious community, is predicated in our capacity to forgive others. Partly that occurs because forgiveness is a central religious value. It may also be because it's harder to escape the offending party. They remain part of our world. That heightens our need to master the art of forgiveness. Living in community forces us to enhance our life skills, in other words.

The Jewish Buddhist, Jack Kornfield, once wrote that "forgiveness is giving up all hope of a better past." This is a fascinating statement, because it reminds us how we have connections not just to the present moment, but also to our past. Forgiveness is a practice of giving up the past so that we can have a better, fuller, restored present--and thus a better future as well. Part of the bedside *sh'ma* found in traditional prayerbooks includes a meditation or practice for forgiving. It's understood that practicing forgiveness everyday is important. This prayer, by its daily recitation, also intimates that sometimes forgiveness only arrives in stages.

As I visited him in the final days of his life, he was able to share with me that the person who had hurt him so long ago had come to pay him last respects and to ask for his forgiveness.

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“The Day(s) the Music Died”

Cantor Deborah Bletstein



2016 has been a horrible year thus far for losing some of the greatest musical talent of our time. The year began with the enormous loss of David Bowie in January. As I sit down to write this, our most recent losses were the legendary Prince and the lesser known blues guitarist, Lonnie Mack. The months in between gave us news of the deaths of Glenn Frey, Paul

Kantner of Jefferson Airplane, Maurice White of Earth, Wind and Fire fame, Keith Emerson, Merle Haggard, and Natalie Cole—a small list of just many more great artists, managers and notables in the industry.

I’m starting to think I didn’t pray hard enough during our High Holy Days last fall or if I did, then the *Unetane Tokef* prayer foreshadowing “Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die” was truly signed and sealed by our maker back then. I’m a Jew and a musician. Many days I don’t know which comes first. It’s really all intertwined for me. My secular music background affects my “shul” davening/musical sensibilities and my Jewish soul influences the secular. If you ever attended a “PDX Live!” service, you know that to be true. I imagine it might be the same for some of you. What is it that allows

us to take a beloved Beatles song and so masterfully sing it to the Adon Olam text? It’s nothing new and it’s something most of us have thought about at one time or another.

I watch you on Facebook attending the concerts of some of the greats. I know that music plays an enormous role in your lives as well. I am constantly drawing on my diverse background to reinvent our musical programs at the synagogue. In the past six months, we’ve presented two “Shabbat around the World” Friday evening services which were highly attended and very well-received. Rabbi Kosak and I see how interested you are in music and how much it enhances your prayer experience. We hope to be bringing more of them next season with special guests.

In the meantime, coming up this July 15th, local musician Beth Hamon will be joining us out on our beautiful plaza with some of her original music and a few of our Shabbat favorites as well. I’ll be joining her on vocals as will our own Sharon Fendrich, a rising talented singer/songwriter in our community. We’ll also be accompanied on percussion by Steven Skolnik who grew up at Neveh Shalom (Morah Jan’s son). We hope you’ll plan to be with us. There’s no more beautiful place to spend Shabbat than out on our gorgeous plaza on a summer evening.

Have a great summer!
Cantor B

Rabbi David Kosak *continued from page 3*

Those long months of conscious dying had loosened something in him. Something hard turned soft.

I like to think that this was his final, mature attainment in developing a fully compassionate heart. With that achieved, he was able to offer full and unconditional forgiveness and was ready to die. Together with his family, we recited the viddui and the sh’ma. There was something so very right about the entire process. He transitioned out of this world with a tremendous sense of completeness, and taught us all something profound in the process.

As the psalmist wrote, “Teach us God to number our days, that we might attain a heart of wisdom.” Too often, synagogues, businesses, even countries limit their understanding of growth to a numerical one.

Here’s to celebrating our community’s spiritual growth.

Warmly,

Rav D

President's Corner

Stephen Blake

Recently Toby and I were at a lecture at Portland State University. As we came into the venue, we spent time greeting people we knew, both acquaintances and friends. We realized that all of these people were people we met at or through Congregation Neveh Shalom.



We moved here 10 years ago to be closer to our daughter and her family. It was not easy leaving our friends in Baltimore. Naturally, we were concerned about how we would make a new circle of friends at our age. Always members of Conservative synagogues, we gravitated to Neveh Shalom where our daughter was a member. Early on, Rabbi Isaak and Fred Rothstein made us feel very welcome. We made the decision to become active.

I became a member of the Finance Committee and then the Board of Directors. Toby joined the Education Committee and became Chair of Adult Education. Through these involvements, we began to meet people who welcomed us into the community. We began coming to Erev Shabbat services. The circle continued to grow.

At Neveh Shalom, I met other golfers who got me involved at Tualatin Country Club. We met Jennifer Knudsen and Natan Meir. They asked if we would join the Advisory Committee for Judaic Studies at PSU, which in turn introduced us to other people, some of whom are Neveh Shalom members.

In preparation for my term as President, I have made new connections through United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's training sessions. I have been fortunate to meet other Jewish leaders from around the country.

Neveh Shalom is truly a kehillah, a community that offers religious, social and learning opportunities to those who choose to take advantage of it. We welcome all of our members to actively participate, at their comfort level, in a truly rewarding experience.

I look forward to the next two years, meeting more congregants and making new friends. As we build on the already existing strong base and move Neveh Shalom into the future, I look forward to you joining me in this endeavor.

Stephen Blake was installed as the new president of Neveh Shalom at the Annual Meeting on June 23.

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Connect the Dots

Rabbi Eve Posen

As I shared recently at our Annual Meeting, we were in my hometown of Detroit for the first half of Pesach. This was not Shiri's first time there, but it was probably the first time she really started to grasp where we were. We walked into Adat Shalom, the shul where I grew up, and at first Shiri refused to believe it was a shul. Where was Rav D? Where was Cantor B? To her, this couldn't be shul because it wasn't Neveh Shalom. For Shiri, the connection to shul is the familiar space and the familiar people.



I'll offer some personal examples I've shared with many of you before. It wasn't until I accepted my position here that I found out Neveh Shalom's very own Ruby Sachter and I are cousins! Crazier still, Rachel Rothstein (Fred and Nora's oldest daughter) and I went to grad school together and she introduced me to Duncan. Almost a decade later, we end up back together in the same city. And by coincidence, my sister Hannah and Rachel's sister Danit met each other on a USY pilgrimage trip the same summer Rachel and I met. How's that for Jewish geography?

Isn't that the way a synagogue should feel to all of us? Certainly it's helpful to have a network of Conservative synagogues where you can feel comfortable going just about anywhere, but if we're doing our jobs right, there's one that should feel like home at any given time.

Each of us connects to our home of CNS in a unique way, and yet we are all interconnected. Some connections start as you enter into parenthood with our Shoreshim program, others when you are a student in ALIYAH or Tichon, and still other connections are built by serving on the Board, as a volunteer, or by attending daily minyan. Each of these opportunities to connect helps us to create this strong and vibrant community. I am constantly amazed at how interconnected our CNS community is. The genealogy of Jewish Portland is an intricate weave through generations of families. And there are friendships that feel like family because they have spanned lifetimes.

As intimate and welcoming as we strive to be as a community, we recently noticed a hole in our connective web. We offer strong programming for our 0-5 age group (Shoreshim), and opportunities for grades 3-12 (Jr. Kadima through USY) are thriving, but we had no link between young families and youth groups. That's why this year we are proud to launch Anafim ("branches"), a social family network for families with kids in grades K-2. Anafim aims to continue to build our community through action-oriented outreach, social programs, and Shabbat and holiday experiences for our families as they grow.

I hope you are as excited as I am to add branches to our very own CNS family tree. I look forward to building more connections with our Shoreshim families as they grow and connect with new families. As always, if you find fulfillment in volunteering and helping in this growth process (in addition to building your connection to CNS) just let me know!

Volunteer Thank You- Sandie Hupp

If you called the Neveh Shalom office this spring, you may have been greeted by the friendly and warm hello of Sandie Hupp. Sandie is one of the volunteers who have stepped in as receptionist to help out during a period of office transition.

Sandie has a long history with Neveh Shalom. She and her husband Larry were married by Rabbi Stampfer and she has fond memories of her children attending Foundation School.

When she's not helping out in the Neveh Shalom office, Sandie keeps extremely busy as a volunteer. At St. Vincent's she works in the Emergency Room helping patients get situated in their rooms by providing warm blankets and supplies. Sandie is intrigued with the medical field and her role allows her to be part of the action. Sandie also volunteers with multiple-level reading groups in a second-grade classroom, a job very close to her heart. The children love working with her.

Thank you, Sandie, for giving of your time and sharing your warmth and kindness.



Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

JULY

Zoe Greenberg - July 23

Zoe Greenberg is the daughter of Susan and David Greenberg and the sister of Seth. Her grandparents are Marilyn Greenberg, the late Manny Greenberg, Marlene Abrams and the late Eugene Abrams. Zoe will be going into 8th grade at the International School of Beaverton and is a fierce defender for the Bridlemile Soccer Club. Zoe is in the Women's Ensemble at ISB and plays guitar and piano. Zoe's mitzvah project is raising money to support the Circus Project. The Circus Project was created with the mission to empower homeless and at-risk kids.



Chase Cohen - July 30

Chase is the son of Caryn and Robert Cohen and brother to Micayla, Jessica, and Alexandra and brother-in-law to Adam Ringgenberg. Born in Boca Raton, FL, Chase also spent eight years in PA prior to moving with the family to Portland. He is the grandson of Herb and Marlene Levin of Delray Beach, FL, and Sandy Cohen of Warminster, PA. Chase is a 7th grade honor student at West Sylvan Middle School and spends part of his summer volunteering as a Jr. Leader at the Southwest Community Center. He enjoys taking care of his pets: his cats Rusty, Nugget and Shadow and his dog, Whiskey. Chase plays Sr. Federal Baseball and competes in regional Tennis Tournaments. In the fall he runs Cross Country for his school. When there is downtime, Chase enjoys on-line gaming and watching Anime.



Welcome New Board Members

We welcome our new board members, recently elected during our June Annual Meeting:

Doug Blauer, Mark Kalenscher, Sheri Katz, Debbie Plawner, Brian Suher

Thank you to our outgoing board members:

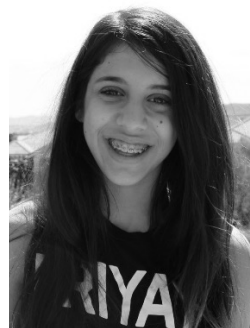
Andy Fortgang, Jennifer Kalenscher, Ronnie Malka, Lee Spector, Mark Zeitzer

Our community appreciates your hard work and service.

AUGUST

Kaiya Borenstein - August 6

Kaiya Borenstein will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah August 6, 2016. She is the daughter of Michael and Karen Borenstein and the big sister of Jude Borenstein. She is the granddaughter of Geoffrey and Charlene Sher who reside in Las Vegas, and Betty and the late Sam Borenstein who resides in Melbourne Australia. Kaiya is a rising 8th grader at Rosemont Ridge Middle School in West Linn where she enjoys art and choir. Her main passion, however, is horseback riding which she participates in after school. She has immense compassion for people in need and hopes one day to use that quality by working with the mentally handicapped.



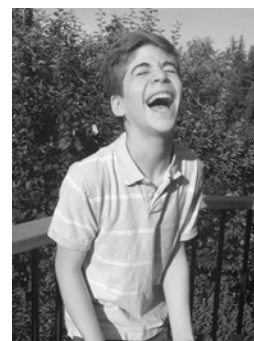
Jared Norman - August 20

Jared Norman is son of Amara and Brian Norman and big brother to Jordan, grandson to the late Cookie and Merritt Yoelin and Ronnie and Michael Norman of Newton, MA. Jared is currently a rising 8th grader at Portland Jewish Academy. Jared loves playing baseball, video games and socializing with his friends. He also enjoys his annual family trip to his happy place - Aruba.



Jordan Vollen - August 27

Mazel tov to Jordan Vollen, son of Wendy and Neil Vollen, brother to Toby and Isaac. Jordan is the grandson of Charles and Geraldine Kriser and Robert and Judy Vollen of Riverwoods, Illinois. Jordan is a rising 8th grader at Portland Jewish Academy. He is well known at school for his creativity, curiosity, sense of humor, and enthusiasm for trying new things. Jordan enjoys playing tennis and has been playing since he was nine. He can be found several times a week at the Portland Athletic Club and occasionally plays doubles in PAC tournament play. Jordan spends his summers in Minnesota at Camp Thunderbird for Boys with friends he has made from many places. At camp Jordan's favorite activities are hiking, horseback riding and tennis.



We're so glad that Shabbat is here!

By Amy Katz



I'll never forget our first Tot Shabbat, now 12 years ago. My daughter Mira, aged 3, plopped herself down beside two little girls, sisters, who shared their toy trains and Goldfish crackers. The accordion, Shabbos Mouse, and the friendly leader he would later refer to as "Rabbi Jordan," fascinated my son

Eli, aged 9 months. We were brand new to Portland, and looking for our Jewish community. Jeff and I were struck by how nearly every parent found an opportunity to introduce himself or herself at the Kiddush, and personally welcome us to Portland and Neveh Shalom. After that very first Tot Shabbat we knew we had found our Jewish home in our new city.

Twelve years later, we have shared countless Shabbat dinners and holiday gatherings with the families we met at Tot Shabbat. We have attended dozens of Bar/Bat mitzvahs together, and this year will celebrate the oldest children's high school graduations. The family of the sisters Mira met at that first Tot Shabbat is our family in Portland, no Rosh Hashanah or Passover Seder is complete without them around the table.

I have been fortunate to be a Tot Shabbat leader for the past six years. I love leading every part of the service, but I also see my job as helping families who attend form close bonds with each other.

According to Mark Zeitzer, father to Noah (9), Ari (7) and Ezra (4), *"We met some of our best friends at Tot Shabbat. We feel very privileged to be part of such a vibrant young community at Neveh. It's wonderful to watch everyone grow."*

Tot Shabbat is a joyous place where families return week after week to sing, dance, and daven together. It's also the place that families come and find their lifelong Jewish community here at Neveh Shalom.

Tot Shabbat is every first and third Saturday at 10:15am and is followed by a Kiddush lunch, open to all.

From Tot Shabbat to USY Leader: Hannah Sacks



Jack Friedman, Cantor B and Hannah Sacks. Hannah, who just graduated from Tichon, first attended Tot Shabbat at 9-months old

When Hannah Sacks heads off to Skidmore College this fall she will bring her memories of growing up at Neveh Shalom with her. Hannah first attended Tot Shabbat at 9-months old. According to her mother Dana, "we started going to Tot Shabbat because we were new to Portland. It was more for us than her. We wanted to meet Jewish people who had kids close to our kids age." The Sacks family enjoyed Tot Shabbat, but it was the people they met which led them to become active synagogue members and leaders in the community. Hannah and her brother Jonah began their synagogue life at Tot Shabbat, which continued through Foundation School, Aliyah, Tichon and USY. In Hannah's Tichon graduation speech she spoke about "hiding under the stairs after Tot Shabbat." This cozy, pint-size space was mentioned by several of this year's graduating seniors. We are so happy that Tot Shabbat will remain forever in the hearts of our Tichon graduates!

A Place for Families with Young Children

Shoreshim

Shoreshim means "roots." The Shoreshim committee at Neveh Shalom is dedicated to creating meaningful and fun educational, religious, and social events for young families (children ages 0-5). We invite you to join us! From Tot Shabbat to PJ Havdallah, family hikes and berry picking, we are building a community for young families to engage, connect and grow together.



Rabbi Eve and Leah Conley keep Judaism fun with songs

Anafim

Anafim means "branches." Anafim at Neveh Shalom is a NEW program dedicated to engaging families with children in Kindergarten through second grade through social, religious, meaningful and fun activities with built-in time for parents to connect as well. With Kiddush Club on Shabbat mornings and Havdallah game nights and summer swimming parties, Anafim is a community for families to grow and connect with one another.

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays, July 2, 16 & August 6, 20, 10:15am Join other young families in Zidell Chapel for singing, dancing, stories, indoor picnic-style lunch, and Shabbat fun.

Storytime at Hillsdale Farmers' Market

Sundays: July 3, July 24, August 7, 10:30am Join Rabbi Eve Posen at the Rieke School Playground for story and play time. Fun for all ages!

Shoreshim Berry Picking

Sunday, July 10 at 10:30am at Smith Berry Barn Pick fresh berries with your young ones on a fun farm outing! For families with children ages 5 and under.

Fourth Fridays with Rabbi Eve

Friday, July 22 (No August session), 5:15pm Join Rabbi Eve and welcome Shabbat with music and stories, potluck dinner to follow. Contact Rabbi Eve Posen for location: eposen@nevehshalom.org. Co-sponsored by PJ Library.

Fifth Shabbat

Saturday, July 30, 10:00am Participatory service geared towards families with children 0-9 led by Rabbi Eve Posen. Meets at the main service that morning. Bagel lunch following the service.

Kiddush Club

Saturdays, July 2, 16 & August 6, 20, 10:15am Join other families for prayer, singing, conversation and fun followed by an indoor picnic style lunch.

K-3rd Grade Pool Party

Wednesday, July 20, 4:30-6:30pm Join us for snacks, pool fun and an awesome time with our CNS community! Limited to the first 30 people who RSVP. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Rabbi Posen at: eposen@nevehshalom.org.

Ice Cream Party at Dairy Hill with Rabbi Eve Posen

Sunday, July 24 from 1:00-3:00pm For families and kids from 0-6th grade. First scoop on Rabbi Eve!

Messy Art at CNS

Thursday, August 25, 10:30am Join the fun and get messy! Children ages 0-5, must be accompanied by an adult.

Back to Shul!

Sunday, September 4, 11:00am-1:00pm Join us for music, food and fun at our annual BBQ on the Plaza! Time to reconnect with friends and opportunities for students to meet ALIYAH K-6 teachers and Foundation School (18 mo. – pre-K) teachers, too! Free. Open to the entire community. All ages welcome!

*Want to get involved and be a volunteer for Shoreshim, or help lead the awesome new initiative of Anafim?
Please contact Rabbi Eve Posen at eposen@nevehshalom.org*

Connection with Israel

By Mara Woloshin

Nearly 9,000 miles separate Portland from Israel, with an estimated flight time of over 14 hours. Yet the connection between Neveh Shalom members and the only Jewish state in the world are strong and ever-evolving.

Highlights of my own connection

In 1977, just over a decade after the Six-Day War, I was in Jerusalem sharing Turkish coffee with Aaron, a guide booked by my father, David Goldberg. At age 19, I toured Israel and Gaza and wondered “Was this my country?”

In 1988, virtually all the Jews in Oregon were polarized over Israel amidst the rumbles of a Palestinian uprising. *The New York Times* interviewed Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, who implored American Jews to consider a separate Palestinian state, while still validating the needs of modern Israel. Through his balanced approach and wisdom, Rabbi Stampfer worked toward building a consensus among American Jews, opening the door for a bridge of understanding. His efforts helped to strengthen the important connection between Neveh Shalom and Israel.

Neveh Shalom and Israel today

For over 20 years Neveh Shalom has continued to foster its relationship with Israel. Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning, says this connection is vital, and has done much to bring a flavor of Israel to our youth at Neveh Shalom. One of her commitments when she took the position was to hire native and conversationally fluent speakers of Hebrew for every level of Hebrew learning.

CNS member Keren Barbash, is one such teacher. She moved to Portland five years ago from Israel, and now teaches throughout Neveh Shalom. She is a valuable instructor of preschool children in Foundation School, of 1st grade and high school students in our ALIYAH Jewish Learning Program, and adults at our Machon Ivrit Hebrew Institute. “My personal experience at CNS has been amazing” she beams. “I’ve been welcomed with so much warmth and love.”



Morah Keren with Foundation School students

“As an Israeli,” Barbash explains, “I have encountered various culture gaps, but people are very supportive and understanding. Many Israelis are not affiliated with a synagogue. My own family was equally hesitant until we encountered the amazing community at Neveh Shalom, which we joined in 2013 so that our children could have a Jewish community and continue their Hebrew learning. Now Neveh Shalom is like our own family!” Barbash brings Israel to life in her classrooms through songs and stories as well as Hebrew language.

Berwin believes that learning Hebrew, both the language of prayer and the modern language of Israel, is one important key of a strong Jewish identity. Before she took the position as Director of Congregational Learning, Berwin founded and directed a Hebrew immersion program for children ages 0-8. Now, she says, the ALIYAH program has incorporated strong Hebrew learning from Kindergarten through 6th grade, and offers options for teens to continue the language. Our teens’ connection with Israel is also strengthened by attending Jewish summer camps, and, of course, visiting Israel itself. Each year, between 4 and 12 teens in our youth program are awarded scholarships to travel to Israel from the Oregon Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Federation of Portland.

Maybe Keren Barbash says it best, “I don’t think I could work in a place that does not support Israel. Connection with Israel is an important part of my students’ identity, not just mine. I’m so glad to be part of that connection.”



Celebrating Lag B'Omer

Neveh Shalom youth celebrate many holidays throughout the year, including holidays that are more widely celebrated in Israel than the U.S. One special occasion each year is Lag B'Omer, a joyous holiday celebrated with bonfires and other outdoor celebrations. Neveh Shalom's version of Lag B'Omer is a family-friendly nature-themed festival featuring an Israeli marketplace (Shuk) where children can spend shekels to purchase gifts and treats, create art projects, and enjoy petting goats. Pitas are made over a fire in the traditional Israeli way and there is, of course, music and Israeli dancing.



Teen Israel Experience Scholarship

The "Teen Israel Experience" Scholarship offers up to \$4000 per student towards a qualifying Israel trip to be taken during the 11th or 12th grade year of high school. Scholarships are awarded based on students meeting the following qualifications during each of their four years of high school:

- Regular attendance at a Jewish high school program.
- Attend 20 religious service per year.
- Complete 30 hours of approved community service per year.

Scholarships are funded through the joint resources of the Oregon Board of Rabbis, the Krichesky Fund of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, and the Jewish Federation of Portland. Neveh Shalom is proud to have a number of our teens qualify for this valuable scholarship each year.

Neveh Shalom's Israel Scholarship Recipients for 2015 and 2016: **Alena Berkman, Avital Emlen, Jack Friedman, Rebecca Kahn, Dalya Meyer, Matisse Stone, Marian Twain, Aaron Welter**

"I have learned a lot about myself, Judaism and Israel in my four months here. I've made friends with people from all over the world with Israel being the one thing we share in common. I have been East to West and North to South and I am amazed at how beautiful the land is and how wonderful the people are. I knew some things about Israel when I came but, now, I feel like I understand the country well enough to talk about and defend it when I come back to the USA. Israel is my home away from home and it will stay in my heart forever."



- Marian Twain on her Israel experience

On the Calendar

Join In

Willamette Falls Tour and Hike with Shomrei Teva

Friday, July 8, 10:00am-noon Enjoy a guided Willamette Falls Legacy Project and then embark on a one hour leisurely hike at the Camassia Natural Area. Bring lunch for a picnic. Jordan Epstein: yaakovm@comcast.net 503-245-6580. Open to all!

Shabbat in the Park EASTSIDE with Rabbi David Kosak!

Friday, July 8, 5:30pm at Sellwood Park, Site A. Join Rabbi David Kosak for an Eastside Shabbat in the Park. 5:30 BYO picnic; 6:15 Kabbalat Shabbat. Bring blankets or low lawn chairs. Suitable for all ages! After the service join us for Kiddush, challah and ice cream.

Sisterhood's Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 10, 5:00pm We will hold our end of the year picnic at the home of Marsha Strongin. She will provide the kosher hot dogs and hamburgers, you bring a pot-luck non-dairy something to share! Families are invited. RSVP to Marsha at 512-422-1649, or marsha@strongin.net.

Nosh and Drash with Rabbi Posen

Thursday, July 14, 1:00pm Hear all about Aaron, Miriam and The Red Heifer. Free and open to all at the MJCC.

"Shabbat Unplugged" on the Plaza

Friday, July 15, 6:15pm Join us for a special Shabbat service outside with local Jewish songwriter/performer, Beth Hamon. Also featuring Steven Skolnik on percussion and Neveh's own Sharon Fendrich on vocals. Please bring a lawn chair and a dairy-friendly picnic. We'll provide cold drinks and ice cream!

Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament at CNS

Sunday, July 17, 12:30 pm-4:30pm Bring your poker face for a Texas Hold'em Tournament w/ Men's Club. Registration due July 11 to hold your spot for this fun event. Proceeds benefit Youth Education Scholarships. Contact office for more info.

Shabbat in the Park WESTSIDE with Rabbi David Kosak!

Friday, August 12, 5:30pm at Raleigh Park and Swim Center Join Rabbi David Kosak for a Westside Shabbat in the Park. 5:30 BYO picnic; 6:15 Kabbalat Shabbat. Bring blankets or low lawn chairs. Suitable for all ages! After the service join us for Kiddush, challah and ice cream.

A Day Trip to the Dahlia Festival with the Wondering Jews

Monday, August 29 , 10:30am-2:30pm Join us on a bus trip to Swan Island Dahlia farms, in Canby, OR. Over 400 floral arrangements on display, and over 30 acres of dahlias in full bloom. Food booths, wine tasting and refreshments

available. \$8-18 for transportation and tour company. \$36 non-members. Bring a bag lunch or cash for food. RSVP by AUGUST 8 to jgreenberg@nevehshalom.org or 503 293-7313.

Back to Shul!

Sunday, September 4, 11:00am-1:00pm Join us for music, food and fun at our annual BBQ on the Plaza! Time to reconnect with friends and opportunities for students to meet ALIYAH K-6 teachers and Foundation School (18 mo. – pre-K) teachers, too! Free. Open to the entire community. All ages welcome!

Young Family Activities

All young family activity listings are on page 9.

Lend a Hand

Sundays, July 17, August 21, 9:45-11:00am Shomrei Teva at the Creekside Wooded area next to the lower parking lot. Join us 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.

Shabbat Greeters

Welcoming and helping all feel comfortable is a vital part of CNS. Have fun by getting involved in our community and making everyone who walks through our gates feel like CNS is their home. Sign up to greet from time to time - it's a mitzvah! Plus, volunteering is easy, rewarding and we have a "Greeter Guide at CNS" training video, too. We look forward to having you meet, greet and get to know more people in our CNS community. If interested, please contact Wendy Kahn: cnsmembership@nevehshalom.org.

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 info, contact Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com.

On the Calendar

VOLUNTEER HELP Needed for Tuv Ha'aretz Pick-up on Wednesdays Shomrei Teva is supporting Tuv Ha'aretz by managing the pick-up of the farm boxes at Neveh Shalom and helping to get volunteers to staff the site every Wednesday from 3:30-6:15, June 1 until October 26. All you have to do is help people find and pick-up their food baskets, and do it with a smile. Sign up for one shift, or more. Volunteers may receive benefits toward food boxes. To help, contact Jordan Epstein at 503-245-6580 or yaakovm@comcast.net.

Habitat For Humanity Build

Sunday, August 7, 10:00am-4:00pm No Building Skills Required...they'll show you how to do it! Join volunteers from Neveh Shalom and Bilal Mosque for a great opportunity to do a mitzvah. This event offers an opportunity to make a real difference in a family's life and gives something back to the community. More info: Michael Titelbaum titelb@comcast.net or Steve Sirkin stevejew18@frontier.com.

Holiday Services

Erev Tisha B'Av Saturday, August 13, 8:45pm, Zidell Chapel

Tisha B'Av Sunday, August 14, 9:00am, Zidell Chapel

Unveilings

Wednesday, August 18, 11:00am Neveh Zedek Cemetery
Unveiling for Dorothy Caplan, z"l

Wednesday, August 24, 1:00pm Ahavai Shalom Cemetery
Unveiling for Aaron Langfus, z"l

Spotlight on the Hunger Relief Fund

Neveh Shalom's many tribute funds give you the opportunity to easily send birthday wishes, show gratitude or remember a loved one. Your donation of tzedakah helps Neveh Shalom as well as our greater community. Your gift is acknowledged in the Chronicle and a card is sent to whomever you designate.

The Hunger Relief Fund is committed to addressing hunger in our local and Jewish community. Recently Neveh Shalom has allocated close to \$5,000 of the "Hunger Relief" funds to a variety of efforts including: The Oregon Food Bank, Sunshine Pantry, Mazon, Snow Cap, CROPS (Community Reaps Our Produce and Shares), Growing Gardens and to our Neveh Shalom Outside In cooking group, who prepares meals on a monthly basis for this teen shelter and social service agency.

Neveh Shalom's Hunger Fund is also used at clergy discretion when working with a family or individual in need.

In addition, seed money has been set aside for a congregant-run Neveh Shalom hunger relief project. Congregants will have the opportunity to create a plan for a project that addresses hunger, spurs volunteerism and benefits the community. Watch for news about this new initiative this fall.

Who's New



Welcome to Aura Sagner, Matt Leitheiser, and their two sons, Ezra and Noah. Ezra (13) attends Bridges Middle School and will be entering 8th grade in the fall. Noah (5) just graduated from the Pre-K class at Neveh Shalom's Foundation School, and will be starting kindergarten at Oregon Episcopal School in the fall.

Matt is originally from Lake Oswego, while Aura joined us from Fort Collins, Colorado. Matt is an RN at OHSU, and Aura has been a stay-at-home mom since Ezra was born. She will be returning to work in the fall as an assistant in a Montessori primary (3-6) classroom.

Matt is an avid cyclist and Aura enjoys losing herself in a great book. As a family, they love to play at the park and walk their dog, Penny.

Aura says, "we joined CNS because of our amazing experience at Foundation School. It is important to us to stay connected to the CNS community and everything it has to offer our family." Aura served as this year's chair of the Foundation School Parent Committee and has been actively building connections between the school's staff and parents.

Shomrei Teva: CNS' Environmental Group

Do you ever wonder if Jewish ethics connect to environmental concerns? They do! Shomrei Teva, Protectors of Nature, makes that connection. Headed by Jordan Epstein, this group cleans up the woods along the creek every third Sunday, helps the synagogue to reduce food waste, goes on hikes to nearby natural areas, and celebrates our holidays in nature, helping us to strengthen our Jewish connections through working to protect our planet. Join the group on a tour of Willamette Falls on Friday, July 8, followed by a picnic and hike at the nearby Camassia Natural Area. See page 12-13 for details. Open to all!



Torah and Nature: The Power of Connection By Josh Lake

The small brown circular object in my hand looked like a rotten apple complete with wormholes. As I presented it to a group of camp counselors, I was met with a mixed reaction of curious faces and wrinkled noses. I shared the story of this object.

A gall wasp laid an egg on the branch of an oak tree (*alon* in Hebrew). The egg hijacked the DNA of the tree and caused an abscess (gall) to grow on its branch. Inside the gall, the tree's vasculature fed the sugars of the tree to the larva. The larva slowly started to eat its way out of the gall. When it finally emerged, weeks later, it was a mature wasp. What an amazing story of how two of God's creations, a wasp and an oak tree, developed an intricate relationship.

These counselors were impressed and amused. But why was I telling them this story? A *Sofer SeTaM*, Jewish scribe, who writes Torah, *Teffilin* and *Mezuzot*, collects oak galls and mixes them with key ingredients, such as iron, gum Arabic (sap from the acacia tree) and honey, and produces the ink from which

every kosher Torah is written. There is not one exception in the world! Torah must be made with ink produced in this manner - from an insect who learned to live off the oak tree. The connection does not stop there. Torah is printed on 100% natural parchment, the skin of a kosher animal. Still more, the Torah is wrapped around two wooden dowels, interestingly,

called *eitzai Haiim* (trees of life) which comes from Genesis 2:9, Proverbs 3:18, and indeed, from our connection to life and the natural world. The physical Torah comes from a deep and intricate relationship between nature and the

Jewish people. The connection between nature and Judaism does not stop with the physical production of the Torah. If one looks inside the Torah, we find *mitzvot* (commandments) about how to live in harmony with the natural world.

These Jewish counselors became excited to learn and teach how Judaism is related to the natural world. Creating connections between future Jews and the natural world is necessary. These are connections our ancestors intimately understood and our generation has largely forgotten.

"The physical Torah comes from a deep and intricate relationship between nature and the Jewish people."

Kids, Nature and Jewish Learning at Camp Solomon Schechter

Camp Solomon Schechter, our region's Conservative Jewish camp, was started in 1954 by Rabbi Joshua Stampfer on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound. Now located on 180 scenic acres in Tumwater, Washington, CSS has come a long way from the days when campers sailed a boat named "L'ama Lo" (Hebrew for "Why Not?") and lived in a retired, rustic lodge. Yet its current site captures the same spirit of exploration through immersion in natural surroundings.

Connecting with nature is part of daily life for campers at Camp Solomon Schechter. Spending almost their whole day outside, whether swimming in the lake, exploring the woods, or sleeping out under the stars, campers become in tune with the daily rhythms of nature.

Experiential Jewish learning opportunities abound. For instance, the greenhouse features the traditional seven species of plants native to Israel (wheat, grapes, olives, figs, barley, pomegranates, and dates); campers physically interact with the plants, learning about them by exploring with all of their senses, and more easily understanding the relationship between taking care of the earth and the food they eat.



Hannah Sacks, Abby Glass and friends at CSS, 2013

Neveh Shalom administers a pool of camp scholarships available to members who have a need for camp tuition assistance. The Men's Club recently donated to the Lesch Campership Fund, created by David and Rosalie Lesch (may their memories be for a blessing) in 1965. Their goal was to help make the Jewish camping experience available to Neveh Shalom members who needed assistance.



Rabbi Stampfer at Camp Solomon Schechter, 1993

"The only season of the year that is designated as *Z'man Simchateinu*, the time of joy, is Sukkot. That is when we return to the natural world. We leave our comfortable homes and camp out in our sukkah, eat and sleep outdoors and commune directly with God without all the trappings of civilization.

That is what camp Solomon Schechter means to me – an intimate encounter with God in the beautiful natural world that He created and we are blessed to occupy."

- Rabbi Joshua Stampfer

The Groups of Neveh Shalom

Never Again Coalition

There is a lot of news these days about the upcoming Presidential election but did you know that there is also an upcoming Presidential election in the Democratic Republic of Congo? The only problem is that the current president, Joseph Kabila won't step down. Do you remember hearing about the genocide in Darfur about 13 years ago? In the Darfur region of Sudan the violence against civilians is now worse than it has been since the start of the genocide. Not all is bleak, as there are ways you can help. Join us the first Monday of each month at 7pm and find out more about the situations in Sudan, South Sudan and the DR Congo. Learn ways we are helping to make positive change. Help us put meaning to the words "Never Again." Next meetings are July 11, at Kol Shalom and August 1, at Neveh Shalom. If you have questions contact Lauren Fortgang at lolorosa@gmail.com

Mizrach: An Eastside Community

Mizrach combines the uniqueness of Portland's Eastside with the vibrancy and ritual of our Neveh community. Like the picturesque bridges Portland is known for, Mizrach strives to link the East and West sides – bringing events to the Eastside and the Eastside community to events at shul. From Havdalah in homes to Tashlich bike rides, Shabbat in the Park to Passover wine tastings, Mizrach programming has been as varied as the members of our community. This summer, join us for a young families Shabbat afternoon playdate at Laurelhurst Park on June 18th and for an all ages Kabbalat Shabbat in Sellwood Park on July 8th. Check the Neveh Shalom and Mizrach e-blasts for all the details.

Sisterhood Notes

It's good to reflect back on our past year of Sisterhood. We tried some new program ideas, and some were received better than others. Highlights included our Rosh Chodesh programs with Karen Sharp, ask anyone who has attended and you will likely get a resoundingly positive response! Another greatly successful program was our intergenerational program with the second graders. We also partnered with Rabbi Posen to provide assistance for her women's programs during Sukkot and Passover. Of course we held some of our regular annual programming as well, including a new members event, Torah Fund luncheon, and Sisterhood Shabbat. Thanks to all the women who planned and supported these and other activities! Now it's time to move forward into the coming year! We hope you'll check us out! Let us know if you have a special interest you'd like our help to promote.

Men's Club

We're not your father's Men's Club.

We raised money for USY and for scholarships for Aliyah and camp programs. We joined with Bilal Mosque for Habitat for Humanity builds. Hosted the "Back to School Brunch" for Aliyah parents. Helped with Neveh's Hanukkah party and built the world's tallest toilet paper Menorah! Hosted "Dads & Kids" Bowling for our Aliyah families. Sponsored World Wide Wrap, where many Aliyah students wrapped tefillin for the first time. Built Neveh's Sukkah. Sponsored Sunday brunches on: the presidential election, "Law and Politics at the State," "Analytics in Baseball," "The Oregon Food Bank and Habitat For Humanity," "Security in Jewish Law," and "A Doctor's Advice on Preventative Care." We hiked LaTourell Falls and enjoyed a Hillsboro Hops Game. Join us next year as we move forward with new and exciting events that reach out to men of ages. Questions? Contact Jonathan Levy (jlevy@clblaw.net) or Ron Morris (r.morris3@comcast.net).

Koleinu Wants You!

Led by professional choir conductor Becca Stuhlberg of Vox Academy and accompanied by master pianist Barry Lavine, we invite you to join Koleinu, the choir at Neveh Shalom. We are open to all voices. If you enjoy singing Jewish music, there is a place for you in Koleinu. The next rehearsal season begins Sept. 12, 2016 with weekly rehearsals Mondays from 7:15-8:45pm in Stampfer Chapel. Singing in a group is a great way to start your Jewish new year. For information contact Joni Cady at joni.cady@comcast.net.

The Wondering Jews

About this time last year, a group came together to create opportunities to build connections among those lucky enough to be of retirement age or better. In the space of one very energetic brainstorming session the Wondering Jews were born. We are for anyone who enjoys sharp speakers and engaging topics; our activities are planned to meet the needs of all ability levels. September through May join us for our monthly Tea at Two speaker series, featuring a variety of interesting topics (we have hosted authors, judges, political pollsters and even an auctioneer). On the second Thursday of each month Rabbi Eve Posen meets with a group at the MJCC for relaxed "Nosh and Drash" Torah study, meet us at 1pm. August 29 we are planning a bus trip to the Dahlia festival in Canby; see page 12 for details.

Member News

Kvell With Us

Welcome Our New Members: Brian, Sarah & Gabriel Rohr



Mazel Tov to proud parents **Gina Westhoff and Mike Khavul** on the birth of their daughter, **Miriam Holly Khavul**. Miriam was born on April 28th. 8.3 lbs. 20 1/2 in. Mom, Dad, and big sister Leah are all excited and doing well.

Mazel Tov to **JoAnn Bezodis** on receiving her M.Div. (Master of Divinity) from Marylhurst University. JoAnn aspires to use her training in pastoral care to work with interfaith couples and families. She also has a passion for Interfaith Dialogue and religious pluralism.

Mazel Tov to **Elaine Cogan** on the publication of her new book, ***How to Talk to (Almost) Anyone About (Almost) Anything: Public Speaking for the Non-Public Speaker***. A special congratulations that Senator Ron Wyden took time from his busy schedule to write a glowing endorsement for the back cover.

Mazel Tov to **Dr. Jeffrey Menashe** on being named Man of the Year by the Oregon/SW Washington Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Mazel Tov to **Jonah Sacks** and all of the members of the Lincoln High School Constitution Team for claiming first place in the national "We the People" Constitutional legal competition. This is the fifth year that Lincoln has won this competition.



Mazel Tov to **Dana Sirkin** on being Neveh Shalom's honoree for the 24th annual Song of Miriam Award. The award honors outstanding women volunteers in our community. Dana is currently serving as President of Neveh Shalom's Sisterhood, and she has been an active presence in the synagogue. Under her leadership,

Sisterhood is reaching out to engage women in meaningful programming and activities that build relationships. She is also concurrently serving as the President of the North by Northwest Region of WLCJ, a region that extends from Northern California up into western Canada.

Mazel Tov to **Vicki and Alan Rotstein** on the graduation of their son, Solomon, from Columbia Law School.

Mazel Tov to Foundation School teacher **Cheryl Fox and husband Jim** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Harper Fox!**

Mazel Tov to **Diane Solomon** for completing her PhD from OHSU. We celebrate her accomplishment and hard work.

Mazel Tov to **Danit Rothstein**, daughter of **Nora & Fred Rothstein** on receiving her MBA (Master's Degree in Business Administration) from the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, CA.

Mazel Tov to **Jacob Lesch** on his recent marriage to **Reba Rosen** in New York. Jacob is the son of **Harold & Jackie Lesch** and grandson of **Gloria Bacharach**. Reba's parents are **Dr. Joel and Elisa Rosa** of West Hempstead NY. The couple now resides in Cedarhurst NY.

Mazel Tov to **Estee Emlen**, daughter of **Elana and Matt Emlen** and granddaughter of **Rabbi and Goldie Stampfer**, for graduating valedictorian and being awarded Outstanding Senior Girl from Wilson High School.

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

Russ (Michelle Hartley) Israelov, on the loss of his dear father **Israel Israelov, z"l**.

Arlene (Irv) Potter for the loss of her dear father.

Leah Conley on the passing of her beloved Grandfather, **Milton Kerker, z"l**.

Lisa Schroeder on the loss of her beloved daughter, **Stephanie Cohen, z"l**.

Denise (Kenneth) Wetherell, on the passing of her beloved mother, **Maria del Socorro Rojas, z"l**.

Myra Jackson on the loss of her beloved aunt, **Anna "Honey" Sherman, z"l**.

Mitchell Cooper on the passing of his mother, **Harriet Roslyn Cooper, z"l**.

Nancy Slifman on the passing of her dear mother, **Goldie Slifman, z"l**.

Karen Wilkins on the passing of her beloved husband, **Mark Wilkins, z"l**.

Francine (Arnold) Frisch and **Vicki Zidell** on the loss of their beloved mother, **Rebecca Israel, z"l**.

In Memoriam

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



Dr. Joseph Schwartz, DDS (June 19, 1936 - April 23, 2016). Dr. Joseph Schwartz was born June 19, 1936, in San Antonio, to Manny and Goldie Schwartz. His family moved to Denver when he was 10. In college, he earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Denver and continued his graduate studies at Marquette University Dental School and the

University of Washington School of Dentistry Department of Periodontology. For 35 years, Dr. Joe provided periodontics services in his private practice located in Northwest Portland. He was a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. Dr. Joe dedicated himself to teaching dental and hygienist students at Oregon Health Sciences University's School of Dentistry. Over the course of 44 years, it is estimated he taught more than 4,300 students. Dr. Joe passed away peacefully Saturday, April 23, 2016, after suffering complications from a heart attack and a massive stroke. He was surrounded by his friends and family. Dr. Joe is survived by his daughters and their families, Renee Biedermann, husband, Alan and son, Jonah; Beth Wachtman, husband, Steven and daughter, Lindsey; loving wife of 54 years, Susan; and extended family.



Dr. Ross P. Coblens (August 3, 1965 - May 15, 2016). Ross passed away May 15, 2016, at age 50. He was born on August 3, 1965 and raised in Portland, Ore. He graduated from Wilson High School in 1983 and from Oregon State University in 1987 with a BS in Science. He attended Western States Chiropractic College where he graduated with his Doctor of Chiropractic in 1991. Ross

married Sarah Konick in 1992 and together they welcomed children, Michelle and Zachary. During his 25-year career as a Chiropractic Physician, Ross worked in Portland, Springfield, Oakridge, Beaverton and Hillsboro. He loved helping his patients feel better. In his free time he could be found playing basketball at the MJCC, golfing with friends, or spending time with his wife and kids. Ross loved his life. Ross is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sarah Coblens; their children Michelle Coblens and Zachary Coblens; his parents Myra and Hy Jackson and Robert Coblens; his siblings Suzi (Bob) Fiore, Shelli Stern, Abby (Rick) Menashe, Todd Coblens, Glen (Mia Birk) Coblens; uncles Eugene Montrose, Alan (Debby) Montrose; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Min Zidell (December 20, 1923 - May 12, 2016). Min Zidell passed away on Thursday, May 12, at the age of 92. Min is survived by her children Jay Zidell, Charlene Zidell, and Vicki French Lippman; her sister Frieda Tobin; and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Min taught those who knew her a lot of things. One of the

most profound is that family is most important, is whoever you decide to make it and that there are no limits to who can be a part of it. She modeled that doing good doesn't need recognition—you can change lives and never tell a soul...and in fact, change as many in a positive way as you can while you're here. The way she lived exemplified that fearlessness and a generous and loving heart bring great reward. She died like she lived, fearlessly, courageously, quietly and surrounded by love, respect and her family. Min was a woman of few but powerful words so her family feels that this short quote embodies the deep mark she leaves on this world through all she loved, knew and whose lives she touched without ever meeting them:

"She whom we love / and lose / is no longer / where she was before. / She is now / wherever we are."

-St. John Chrysostom



Lillian "Babe" Weiner (April 5, 1912 - May 16, 2016). Lillian "Babe" Weiner was 104 years old when she passed away on May 16, 2016. She is remembered by Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Rosenthal, grandchildren Brian (Kara), Todd (Felicia) and Dana Michel (Scott), great-grandchildren Max, Shawn, and Brittany Rosenthal and great-great-grandchild Paige Rosenthal.

Roger Lee Stewart (June 14, 1939 - June 5, 2016). Roger Stewart of Tigard passed away on June 5, 2016. He was 76 years old. Roger is survived by his wife Paula; his children Michelle Mayer, Stanton Willins, and Vanessa Nobriga; his brother Gilbert Stewart; and 13 grandchildren. Roger was preceded in death by his son Ian Stewart.

Neveh Shalom has an email list to be notified about deaths and funerals in our community. If you would like to join this list, please contact news@nevehshalom.org.

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We asked CNS congregants about their connections to summer:

Elisa, Jon, Everett & Vivian Spano - Our families, with roots in Germany, Russia, Italy, and Poland, have always instilled in us a passion for exploration and different cultures. We grew up on the East Coast (New Jersey and Virginia) and now, raising our children in Portland, we feel it is important to broaden our children's horizons through travel and experiences as our parents did for us. This summer we are taking our kids to Germany to meet many of their cousins in Munich while also exploring Iceland and other cities in Germany, Austria and Switzerland to connect our children not only with their heritage but also to create wonderful memories.



Rick, Catherine & Samuel Hartoch - We backpack one mountain wilderness each summer. Last year we hiked into Mt. Jefferson for three days of glorious high-altitude swimming. This summer our Jewish connection will be to Mexico City. Sam will be attending two weeks of camp there. Google "Centro Deportivo Israelita" for amazing details! We would love to foster a connection between CNS and the very spirited Jewish community of Mexico. Does anyone already have contacts there?

Mark, Mindy, Noah, Ari & Ezra Zeitzer - The summers in Portland are awesome! There is nothing better than a Shabbat dinner in the backyard! Summer is a great time to seek out new interests and skills. Our boys love the PJA Summer Discovery Program especially the robotics, Lego, and super-hero comic book drawing camps. Mindy and I both went to Jewish summer sleep-away camp and it was so formative for us, which is why we feel it is so essential for our boys. They will be going to the JCC Ranch Camp in Colorado not only because this is where Mindy went as a child, but also because their cousin attends.



Elisa, Joshua, Chloe & Jonah Stevens - This summer we look forward to going to farmers markets, spending time at the beach, picnicking, swimming in our neighborhood pool, and going biking. Chloe will be attending MJCC and PJA day camps, and will spend a week at BB Camp. Jonah will enjoy several weeks at Foundation School summer camp. We also have several surprises in store for our kids, including tickets to a Cirque du Soleil show and a trip to Snoqualmie, WA for a "Day Out with Thomas."

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 25 sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat CANADA DAY	2 26 sivan 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kiddush Club Shelach
3 27 sivan 9:00am Morning Minyan 10:30am Storytime with Rabbi Eve, Hillsdale Farmers' Market	4 28 sivan CNS OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Morning Minyan INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 29 sivan 7:15am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class	6 30 sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan ROSH CHODESH	7 1 tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak 7:00pm Executive Committee ROSH CHODESH	8 2 tammuz 7:15am Morning Minyan 10:00am Willamette Falls Tour & Hike w/ Shomrei Teva 5:30pm Eastside Shabbat in the Park with Rabbi Kosak 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9 3 tammuz 9:00am Combined Shabbat Services Korach
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31 25 tammuz 9:00am Morning Minyan						

July 24: 9:00am Morning Minyan; 10:30am Storytime with Rabbi Eve, Hillsdale Farmers Market; 1:00pm Ice Cream Party at Dairy Hill with Rabbi Eve Posen

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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28 24 av 9:00am Morning Minyan	29 25 av First Day of Foundation School 7:15am Morning Minyan 10:30am Dahlia Festival Day Trip w/ Wondering Jews	30 26 av 7:15am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class	31 27 av 7:15am Morning Minyan	SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 4, 12:00-2:00pm Back to Shul: All Community Get Together 		

Texas Hold'em

A Neveh Shalom Men's Club Charity Tournament
Proceeds Benefit Youth Education Scholarships

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Doors open: 12:45pm

Tournament: 1:30 - 4:30pm

Two levels of support are available:

PLAYER: \$40/registration

**EVENT SPONSOR: \$100/registration,
signage and acknowledgement**

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: July 11, 2016

Registrations post marked after July 11 will cost \$10 more.

**Register now to hold your spot for this fantastic event. Your registration includes:
coffee, soft drinks, beer, bagels & spreads, snacks & tournament play.**

Event is open to men and women 18 and over.

You will be playing for a prize pool of \$700*.

Top 6 players will earn prizes. Add-ons and re-buys will be available.

CHARITY TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Please make your check payable to **Neveh Shalom Men's Club** and mail your check and the bottom of this form
by July 11, 2016 (Registrations post marked after July 11 will cost \$10 more) to:

Neveh Shalom Men's Club c/o Dick Cohon, 14020 SW Barlow Ct., Beaverton OR 97008

Circle your level of support: Event Sponsor / Player

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

You will receive email confirmation and reminders. Sorry no refunds, but substitutions are permitted. Your registration fee is tax deductible as permitted by law. Approximate value of donation is \$30. You must be 21 or over to consume alcoholic beverages. This Texas Hold 'Em tournament will be run by Ubetcha Entertainment and all tournament rules and decisions are at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

**Our prize pool of \$700 is based on 50 paid registrations and will be in the form of gift cards.*



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ON THE PLAZA WITH LOCAL
JEWISH SONGWRITER/PERFORMER

Beth Hamon



PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE LAWN
CHAIR & A DAIRY-FRIENDLY PICNIC.
WE'LL PROVIDE COLD DRINKS & ICE CREAM!

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Your checklist for fun all summer long!

- ✓ Add this list to your summer calendar and share with your friends!
- **Each Friday** Bring in Shabbat outdoors on our lovely plaza (weather permitting).
- **1st and 3rd Saturdays** All summer- join the Torah parade at Tot Shabbat (ages 0-5).
- **Sun, July 3, 24, Aug 7** Storytime w/ Rabbi Eve at Hillsdale Farmer's Market.
- **Fri, July 8** Enjoy a guided Willamette Falls tour and leisurely hike with Shomrei Teva (CNS Environmental Group).
- **Fri, July 8** Join Rabbi David Kosak for a casual outdoor Eastside Kabbalat Shabbat in the Park at Sellwood Park, site A. Open to the community.
- **Sun, July 10** Pick fresh berries with your young ones on a fun farm outing at Smith Berry Farm! For families with children ages 5 and under.
- **Fri, July 15** Join us for a special "Shabbat Unplugged" service outside with local Jewish songwriter, Beth Hamon. We'll provide cold drinks and ice cream!
- **Sun, July 17** Bring your poker face for a Texas Hold'em Tournament w/ Men's Club.
- **Sun, July 20** Kindergarten-3rd grade Pool Party. Join us for snacks and pool fun!
Limited to the first 30 people who RSVP.
- **Fri, July 22** Join Rabbi Eve for 4th Friday Shabbat with music and stories.
- **Sun, July 24** Families and kids from 0-6th grade are invited to join Rabbi Eve for an Ice Cream Party at Dairy Hill. (First scoop on Rabbi Eve!)
- **Fri, August 12** Join Rabbi David Kosak for a casual outdoor Westside Kabbalat Shabbat in the Park at Raleigh Park and Swim Center. Open to the community.
- **Sun, August 7** Help out at a Habitat for Humanity build. No building skills needed.
- **Sat/Sun, August 13-14** Join us for our community Tisha B'Av Services.
- **Thu, August 25** Messy Art at CNS. Join the fun and get messy! Children ages 0-5.
- **Sun, September 4** Join us for music, food & fun at our annual BBQ on the Plaza!
FREE. All ages welcome! Open to the community!





Neveh Shalom's

Shabbat in the Park

With Rabbi David Kosak

5:30pm: BYO Picnic

6:15pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

East Side
July 8

Sellwood Park, Site A
SE 7th Ave & Miller St

West Side
August 12

Raleigh Park & Swim Center
3500 SW 78th Ave

~ Casual, Outdoor-style Shabbat Service ~

Join us for Kiddush, challah and ice-cream after the service.

Bring a blanket or low lawn chairs if you like (but no dogs, please).

Suitable for all ages! Everyone is welcome!



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For more info and rain alternative locations,
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BACK TO SHUL

Sunday, September 4

12pm-2pm

All Community Get-Together

**Hot
Dog
BBQ**
(Beef or Veg)

**Shave
Ice**

**Face
Painting**

**Fun
with
USY**

**ALIYAH
K-6
Meet
your
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**Foundation
School
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Music

Back to Shul



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