

# The Chronicle

**Building Community**

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# Connecting with Neveh Shalom

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## Back to Shul 2016



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## CNS Pride Shabbat

CNS Pride Shabbat was a success! Thanks to all who came and supported our inclusive community. We've created a new name and Facebook group for LGBTQ + family members.

**CNS Keshet** (*keshet* means rainbow in Hebrew) is the new name. Email Mel Berwin ([mberwin@nevehshalom.org](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org)) or Liza Milliner ([lizam410@gmail.com](mailto:lizam410@gmail.com)) to be added to the FB group.



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# What Makes Community: People and Places

**By: Rabbi David Kosak**

*This edition of our Chronicle is dedicated to exploring “What Makes Community: People and Places.” Even in the digital age, we understand that people are the essential ingredient of community. Yet we are on less certain ground when we wonder about the role that physical place has in community. After all, aren’t there virtual places that are just as real to us? I don’t have an easy answer to that question, though my own personal bias is that as people with physical bodies and physical needs, real places matter more than we might imagine.*

## Embracing the Unexpected

By the time you hold this edition of the Chronicle in your hands, we will have concluded the High Holiday season. Looking at it from the other end, that seems unbelievable to me. Autumn is loaded down with Jewish holidays. How will they go? In some ways, I can predict an answer. I expect that more people will have shown up on the first day of Rosh Hashanah than the second, and that more people will have appeared for Simchat Torah than for the lesser known Hoshanah Rabbah. In my mind’s eye, I can see how the main sanctuary will fill to capacity during Kol Nidrei or the Torah reading on Yom Kippur, then gradually empty until afternoon gives way to evening, and Neilah calls us all back.

But that isn’t really a significant answer. What I am really asking is how will our families have gotten along during this stressful time? (Yes, across cultures, holidays increase our feelings of stress.) I want to know how our communal services moved you. Did you spend the holidays “downstairs” with Rabbi Posen and Ilene Safyan? Do Ilene’s lovely voice and Rabbi Posen’s lesson to renew our lives with the best of old and new still reverberate with you? Did they change the way you think about your life? I hope so.

Were your holidays interrupted by sudden news, good or bad? Will some event in your life mark this year’s holidays for you? A birth or death, a promotion or loss of work? Did you catch up with an old friend at synagogue whom you hadn’t seen in a long time? Did you have a sudden insight into your past behavior that suddenly has recast how you view your life?

A community formed of people who share space together, whether frequently or infrequently, is filled with the serendipitous and the unexpected turn of event. To live with



others is to invite events and moments into our lives that we can’t control. This is key. More and more, our electronic social media seduce us by promising us that we can fully author what we present and how we are perceived.

That desire to steer our lives is understandable. Yet such a scripted life also brings with it ennui and boredom, and a reduced sense of our significance or our authenticity. Human beings need surprise, whether it brings with it wonder or discomfort. It keeps us growing and learning. It forces us to react in the moment so that we can better understand where we are graceful, and where we ride rough shod over our relationships. On December 10th, we will read parshat Vayetzei, in which Jacob suddenly awakens to the surprise in life and exclaims, “Surely God is in this place and I did not know it.” Such unexpected moments provide basic nourishment to our souls.

As we spend more and more time in the virtual world, I believe there is another danger lurking for us besides the vital loss of surprise. That same desire to control our lives makes it more likely that we will choose to interact with those who think like us, look like us or act like us. While that provides more comfort initially, ultimately it separates us. Our country is sorely divided. Yet we hold in our hands the power to change that fact.

For that reason, I offered you the following charge at the end of my sermon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. I asked you to become a bridge this year, and to reach out to people, family

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# The Ups and Downs of Gratitude

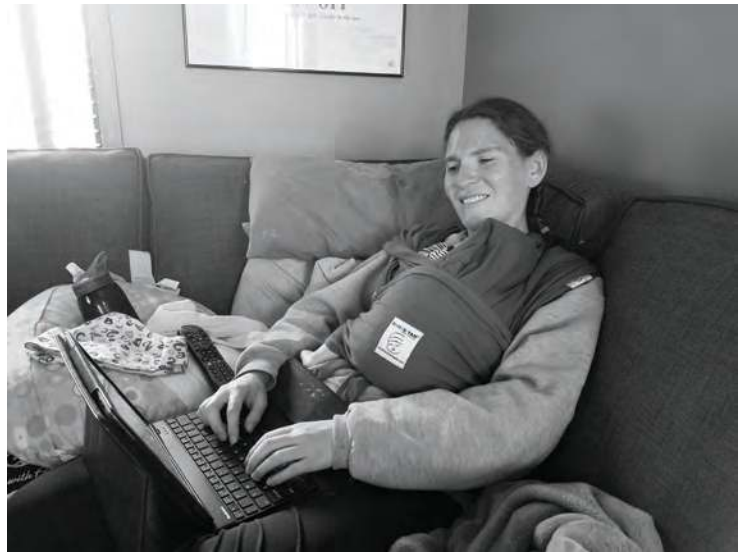
**By: Rabbi Eve Posen**

When I was pregnant with Shiri, Duncan and I would wake up each morning and sing “*Modeh Ani*” to my growing belly. We started this partly because we wanted to express our gratitude for this wonderful moment in our lives, and partly because we thought if the baby regularly heard the same song at wakeup, she would know when it was wakeup time. Wishful thinking. We continued this tradition through Shiri’s first year of life, but as she began to express herself, she’d tell us to stop singing the minute we started. Where was the gratitude for our sweet daily routine?

Flash forward to Matan’s birth. We were getting very little sleep, we had a cranky three-nager, and then right as Matan turned two weeks old, Duncan left for a business trip to Orlando. Suddenly my own gratitude was gone. And then it happened. While I was driving Shiri to school on the first morning of these dreaded four days, “*Modeh Ani*” came on the Solomon Schechter CD we were listening to. Shiri lit up and started to tell me what she was grateful for that morning. Cue the tears.

While we are supposed to start each day with a proclamation of gratitude for waking up, sometimes it’s difficult to do. Life seems to get in the way of truly recognizing those moments of miracle and wonder. It can take a special moment with a loved one in the car or the kind gesture of a stranger to snap us back into a place of gratitude.

Despite how I feel even on my most sleep-deprived day, I know how lucky I am to have not only my loving immediate family, but the loving Congregation Neveh Shalom community.



In that moment in the car with Shiri as I was exhausted and overwhelmed, I got my gratitude back too. That moment made me thankful for this sweet moment with my three year old who gave thanks for her school, her shul, and her friends, all of which are in our lives because of Neveh Shalom.

In this season of giving thanks, I am so grateful to you, my CNS community, for all of the meals, gifts, visits, and support we received as we welcomed our newest gift, Matan, into our lives. Thank you!

As a side note, it’s amazing to be able to write this while sitting on my couch with a snoozing Matan on my chest. Life is sweet, and for that I’m grateful.

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**Rabbi David Kosak** *continued from page 3*

and even yourself. I requested that you put yourself in situations where you might meet people who seem really different and that you bring an element of care and compassion to those interactions. If you normally bike or drive to work, take the bus one day. Get yourself out of your routine and connect with people you don’t know--here at Neveh Shalom, at your job, in our city.

Some of us may remember a refrain in one of the songs from *Sesame Street*. “Who are the people in your neighborhood? The people that you meet each day.” This year, let’s all be better bridges, and make time to meet one another. So much depends on it.

Warmth and blessings,  
Rav D

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## President's Corner

### Stephen Blake

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There are a number of definitions of the word community. Some describe the geographical area in which you reside. Another might pertain to groups that share a common interest. But another definition is "a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society within which it exists." A synagogue would certainly fall under this last definition, but is it sharing common interests that make a community? I think not.



A religious community must be bound by more than common characteristics and worship. There must be a sense of caring, a common need to achieve certain goals and the desire to preserve traditions. This is what draws us together. A synagogue is more than a building. It is a reflection of what you invest in it emotionally, physically and financially.

What is the secret of being a satisfied member of this community? For many of our members it is finding comfort in prayer and religious observance. For others it is participation in one or more of the many programs we offer. For some it is the social programs and friendships they make. For many it is the continuation of family tradition.

There is one overriding commonality between all of these happy members. They have all made the effort to find their niche. By extending themselves they have found rewarding experiences within the Neveh Shalom community.

What can you do to make Neveh Shalom a warm welcoming community? Say hello to the people around you at services. Find the program that sparks your interest. Volunteer for one of the many social action committees. There are numerous ways to become involved, and many rewards in participating.

I know I have said this before. I strongly believe that everyone can find their place here, but you must make the effort to find that place and work at making Neveh Shalom a community, a Kehillah that rewards its members with a sense of pride and comfort.

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# A Couple of Questions with Martha and Brian Izenson

*Brian and Martha Izenson have been Neveh members since 2007. They live in Southeast Portland with their three sons, Zach, Riley and Dayton, and their meshugenah dog, Kelev.*

**Q:** *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?*

**M:** Too many to choose from... Ira Glass for the stories, Simon Pegg for the laughs, Jackie Robinson for the history and Frank DeFord for his awesome sports commentary. Fictional would be Eowyn from Lord of the Rings because she can bring it in battle and kicks so much butt!

**B:** Jon Stewart (my satirical hero), Jackie Kennedy Onassis (because she's Jackie O!) and my dad (he passed when I was young and would love to catch him up and show him some pics of his grandkids). Just missed the cut: Larry David.

**Q:** *What is your favorite Jewish holiday, and why?*

**M:** Pesach. I love that we get together as a community and family to celebrate freedom from oppression of all kinds.

**B:** Tu B'shevat. I'm a tree hugger at heart. Plus, we were married on Tu B'shevat and incorporated a tree planting into our celebration. We were honored to be the first couple



married in the new Stampfer Chapel. We get a lot of strength from that.

**Q:** *What is your favorite Hebrew word, and why?*

**M:** *Kavanah* - perfect centering and grounding word.

**B:** *T'shuvah* - I know we typically think about it only during the High Holidays but I try to think about it everyday as a person, a Jew and a father.

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## A Community that Asks Good Questions

**By: Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning**



This year, the theme of our ALIYAH program is "asking questions." The way we formulate questions helps us to frame the world, to imagine new possibilities, and to create new ways to be in the world. Each day we are asking our youth: What good question did you ask—or hear—today?

This Rosh HaShanah, I came away with so many good questions that I will ponder throughout the year. Rabbi Kosak's drash on 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah asked us to think about "*Mensch*" as a verb: when we "*mensch*" we perform actions that make the world more just, and we inspire others around us to do

the same. Who around us *mensches* in inspiring ways? What *mensching* did you do today? What *mensching* could you have done better?

In our 3rd-6th Grade RH service, we similarly played with the word *mitzvot*. How can we translate *mitzvot* so that we can talk about them in the evening and morning in a meaningful way, as we are asked to do in the Shema? What if we talk about *mitzvot* as "right actions" or as "life-affirming actions?" What would it mean if we reviewed our life-affirming actions each day with our children?

These are some of my questions.

**What are your good questions for this year?**



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## Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

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### Mayah Greenfield – November 12

Mayah Greenfield is the daughter of Lisa and Scott Greenfield, sister to Tali, and granddaughter of Miriam and Bill Cohen of Los Angeles, CA, Barbara and Michael Milton of Silver Spring, MD, and Michael Greenfield and Claire Halpern of Clayton, MO. Mayah is a 7th grader at Lakeridge Junior High School. She is an avid soccer player, playing for LOSC and the Portland Thorns RTC program, and will quickly tell you that she is Alex Morgan's most devoted fan! Mayah loves to spend summers at Camp Miriam on Gabriola Island in beautiful British Columbia. Mayah's mitzvah project involved raising money to purchase and distribute soccer balls through Alive and Kicking, a non-profit making a difference in the lives of women and youth in Africa. (see <http://aliveandkicking.org/news/meet-mayah-attacking-midfielder-ak-fund-raiser/>.)



### Alex Weiss – December 3

Mazel tov to Alex Weiss, who will celebrate his bar mitzvah December 2-3. Alex is the son of Vicki and Martin Weiss and little brother to Sammie. He is the grandson of the late George and the late Claire Kastner (z"l) and Edward and Catherine Weiss of Portland, OR. He is enrolled in the 7th grade summa program at Stoller Middle school. Alex enjoys video games, playing all sports, reading, and playing chess. He likes spending time with his family (including his dog) and friends.



### Isaac Jacobowitz – December 10

Isaac Jacobowitz is the son of Edward Jacobowitz and D. Kempe Jacobowitz Ames. He follows his big sister, Clarissa, to the bima, and leads his little brother, Aryeh. His grandparents are Benjamin (z"l, of Brooklyn, NY) and Deborah Jacobowitz (of Irvine, CA), and Frances Ames Blackman and Dean Fuerher (of Vancouver, WA). Isaac is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School in Portland. When not doing homework he is attending ballet and Ninjutsu, playing with his dog, friends, and family, practicing archery in the backyard of the house, or just reading, mostly science fiction and fantasy. He also enjoys attending science fiction conventions. He listens to country music by preference.



### Max Spurr – December 31

Max Spurr is the son of Amy and David Spurr, brother to Penelope, and grandson of Marc and Helen Spurr of New York, New York and Patricia Sarasohn of Madison, New Jersey. Having recently moved from New Jersey, Max is currently a 7th grader at Lake Oswego Junior High School and swims competitively on the Lake Oswego Swim Club team. In addition to swimming, Max enjoys many sports: skiing, baseball, and mountain biking especially. He is also a member and volunteer with Social Venture Partners Youth, a youth group that invests their time and raises financial support for philanthropic organizations around Portland. In association with SVPY, Max (and his sister, Penelope) ran a book drive at LOJS that generated 650 book donations for the Children's Book Bank of Portland which aims to provide pre-school aged children with books that promote kindergarten readiness. Max still misses his family and friends on the East Coast but now enjoys everything the West Coast and Portland have to offer.



# Our Growing Kehillah

By Eadie Kaltenbacher



Hello there, this is the author of the New Member welcome stories! My name is Eadie Kaltenbacher and I have had the great pleasure over the past few months to call up new members, welcome them to Neveh Shalom, and write up a portion of their family stories for publication in The Chronicle.

This issue, I was asked to share some of my thoughts about what this role means to me. I would answer that in three parts: connecting individually with community members, involving my family more closely into Neveh Shalom, and playing an active role in building our community.

As a natural introvert, this role actually forces me to pick up the phone and call strangers – other introverts will understand what a challenge this can be! However, once I explain why I am calling, I always get rewarded with a warm hello and a friendly conversation. I have met so many interesting people and I love hearing their stories and learning what makes them unique. And after that conversation, we are no longer strangers, but members of a community together.

When my family moved to Portland just over a year ago, we didn't know a single person here. Through word of mouth, we found out about Neveh Shalom and began attending some Young Families and Foundation School events. We had such a fantastic experience that we joined. Now both of my sons are flourishing at Foundation School, my husband Jason attends Dad's Nights Out, and we all continue to enjoy the Young Families events.

The theme of this issue is "Building Community." I love how this phrase uses the active verb "Build." We don't just "Become Community," or even passively "Enjoy Community." We actively build it with our words and our deeds and our conscious efforts. My way of contributing is through writing. Personally, I have always been drawn to writing, and before moving to Oregon, I was the Chief Editor of my professional organization's statewide newsletter. Through The Chronicle, I have had the opportunity to continue this passion and learn about the people that make Neveh Shalom such a special place.

I encourage you to think about ways that you would like to get involved. Yes, it takes time and effort. Yes, it is a commitment. Yes, it is worth the reward for you and your whole family – because we don't just become community, we build community.

## Welcome to some of our newest members...

**Terri Simon** Terri recently joined Neveh Shalom; she has two grown children and five grandchildren. Her daughter Jaimie, with husband Jacob, has Reuben (age 6) and Esther (age 3). Her son Neil, with wife Jodi, has Riley (age 6) and twins Violet and Aviva (age 3). Terri is originally from Portland, but was raised in Pasco, Washington, before returning to Portland. She was a stay-at-home mom, and also worked in the medical insurance field before retiring. Terri has recently taken up tai chi and is learning to read Hebrew.



She also enjoys adult coloring, reading, and the outdoors. Terri volunteers for the SMART Reading program, which helps children in 1st and 2nd grade with reading skills. She also volunteers in a kindergarten classroom. Terri is interested in building community by participating in classes and programs that match her skills and interests – finding her niche. She is looking forward to attending services and celebrating holidays with her new Neveh Shalom community.





**Hannah Berg, Daniel Mandel, and their brand-new baby boy Leon**

(born September 9th). Hannah is originally from Portland, and grew up at Neveh Shalom, while Danny is a native New Yorker. The two met in New York while Hannah was a student, and the couple moved to

Portland last year. Rabbi Isaak officiated

at Hannah's Bat Mitzvah and wedding. Danny is a realtor, and is starting a graduate program in real estate development (see his ad at the back of The Chronicle), and Hannah works in the field of health care management. Their hobbies revolve around the natural world – hiking, skiing, and also enjoying Portland's food scene. They are excited about the idea of building community, especially with the arrival of their newest family member. They believe community is about many different people with different strengths and perspectives all working together to form a unit greater than themselves. With baby Leon, they will be building relationships at Neveh Shalom, and integrating Jewish identity and values into their home.

**The Kaplan Family: Amy, Alex, Mila (9), Gabrielle (7) and Dana (4).**

Amy is from Philadelphia and Alex is a Michigander. They met in Los Angeles while they were both pursuing post-graduate degrees, married in 2005, and moved to the Portland area in July. Alex works



as an ER physician, and Amy is a licensed clinical social worker. Their hobbies include

travel, biking, skiing, and cooking,

as well as playing badminton and

ping pong in their backyard. Building

community, for the Kaplan family, is

about giving their children a foundation

of Jewish identity and culture. Alex

is also interested in political causes,

especially advocacy for Israel. They look

forward to being active members of Neveh

Shalom and other local Jewish organizations.



**Lotus Steering** Lotus moved to Portland almost nine years ago from Buffalo, New York. She has two grown sons: Mark, who lives locally, and Jerry, who lives in Southern California with his wife, Ruth. Lotus has three grandchildren: David (27), Elizabeth (24), and Phillip (21). Lotus is now retired, but spent many years as a preschool teacher and a paralegal. She is passionate about music and she currently plays the mandolin,

and played violin for many years in a community symphony orchestra. She collects antique sheet music, and has one original piece dating from 1898.

Lotus draws and paints, and recently started working with ceramics. She sees volunteerism as her way to build community, and will be volunteering at the gift shop and joining Sisterhood. She

has been on the board of the Jewish Orchestra at the Mittelman Jewish Community Center, and was an active volunteer with Home Forward, the Portland Housing Authority.



**Jill Robb and her son Grant (12).**

Jill moved to Portland from the Los Angeles area at the end of August, and within just two weeks she had moved into her new home, joined Neveh Shalom, started her new job, and started Grant at his new school (Robert Gray). Until last year, Jill was a professional event planner and coordinated

awards shows, conventions, weddings,

and more. Jill is now a teacher's assistant in our very own Foundation School. She owns an invitation business ([www.invitationenthusiast.com](http://www.invitationenthusiast.com)) and caters to B'nai Mitzvot and

weddings. Her hobbies include tennis, sailing, and swimming, and she is looking forward to trying out Northwest activities

- hiking and maybe even skiing. For Jill, building community means connecting with other people by helping them to learn.

For example, she has been teaching art for three years and hopes to conduct art events to bring people together. Jill and

Grant are both excited to meet other families, especially as Grant will become a Bar Mitzvah in the spring.



**Josh and Danica Wnuk, and their two children Rina (4) and Isaac (1).**

Danica, originally from

Northern Virginia, and Josh, from

the Seattle area, are process

engineers at Intel, although Josh

is on the development side and Danica

focuses on manufacturing. The Wnuk

family loves gardening and spending

time together on home improvement projects

– they recently refinished a formal dining room set from

Danica's grandmother. Building community is key to the Wnuk

family, especially for their children. They joined Neveh Shalom

with particular excitement about the active young families'

programs. Their hope is for Rina and Isaac to have a strong

Jewish identity and integration into Jewish culture.



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# Steering the Member Ship

By Jessica Fenton



Just as a ship might chart its course, the Neveh Shalom membership committee is busy updating its mission. You may have noticed membership committee volunteers welcoming you during the Back to Shul event or engaging members during the New Member Brunch. Both events are places where the committee strives to connect with and engage new and current members of CNS.

Beyond the horizon, the membership committee is working thoughtfully and diligently to help create and maintain an inclusive and welcoming community for all of its members. With this in mind, the committee is in the process of revamping its mission statement. The new goals will serve as a compass for the committee's efforts, which have shifted from programming to streamlining and improving the membership experience.

Membership Committee Chair Jennifer Kalenscher posed the following question at the committee's last meeting: How can our mission statement reflect all that we do? Over the past few years, the membership committee has focused on engaging new members during their first two years at Neveh Shalom in order to facilitate a smooth transition. They have welcomed people and helped them figure out how exactly the congregation can best serve their needs. With all the different "ports of call" at CNS, new members rely on the membership committee to help them navigate their way.

"CNS is a big place, and we want members to find opportunities to plug in," explained Wendy Kahn, Membership and Development Director.

It is important that every member understand the value of CNS membership and how to maintain a fulfilling and meaningful relationship with our congregation. To this end, the committee is actively engaged in collecting membership statistics from the past several years and is committed to tracking this information going forward. Their hope is to analyze results and discuss the larger trends as a committee in order to provide staff, clergy and the Board of Directors with valuable information, thus allowing them to make better, informed decisions on behalf of all of us at CNS.

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Keeping this in mind, the membership committee is moving full steam ahead. Its goal is to meet the ever-changing needs of our congregants. Additionally, efforts such as the Shabbat Greeter Program and welcome phone calls to new members have contributed tremendously toward making our congregation a warm and welcoming community. Whether you are embarking on a new voyage or have spent years at sea, the CNS Member Ship will take you on the journey of a lifetime.



**Back row (L to R):** Liza Milliner (Board of Directors, liaison), Sarah Coblens, Sabra Weintraub, Stephanie Arnheim, Karen Berman, Steffanie Goldsmith. **Seated:** Wendy Kahn (staff); Jennifer Kalenscher (chair). **Not Pictured:** Lidia Krivoy, Mitch Elovitz, Vera James, Patty Lenhoff, Jackie Rose, Jessica Fenton



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# Spotlight on: The Kahn Family

Steven, Wendy, Rebecca and Michael Kahn are all actively involved in our Jewish community. Judy and Garry Kahn, Steven's parents and longtime CNS members, have been outstanding role models in this regard.

Steven grew up immersed in the Jewish community attending Foundation School, Shabbat services, Hebrew school, Camp Solomon Schechter, actively participating in BBYO and then becoming a leader in the Portland Jewish community sitting on many boards - Circle of Life, Mittleman Jewish Community Center, Camp Solomon Schechter and the Jewish Federation of Portland where he was also Community Campaign Co-chair and, of course the Neveh Shalom Board where he had the honor of serving as Board President.

Wendy grew up in Los Angeles and the Jewish community was all around her however, she wasn't active in it growing up. She attended Hebrew school and a Jewish day camp, but it wasn't until she met and married Steven that her Jewish community involvement took off. Wendy was part of the original CNS Shoresim committee, is a current co-chair for CNS College Outreach, has sat on the Mittleman Jewish Community Board and has been involved with the Jewish Federation of Portland (past: CRC, President of Young Women's Division, Co-chair of Lion's Division and currently: co-chairs the OSP (overseas needs) committee which funds agencies in Israel, co-chairing the upcoming Lion's/Women's event and is participating in the inaugural Women's Giving Circle); Rebecca and Michael attended PJA, ALIYAH and Tichon.

Rebecca held several positions in her 313 BBYO chapter and on the BBYO regional board and Michael is immediate past president of his Sol Stern BBYO chapter and current membership chair; both have attended Camp Solomon Schechter since they were age 7. Rebecca missed one summer in 11th grade to attend Kallah (a BBYO summer program). Michael has yet to miss a summer and both are now counselors at camp! Rebecca spent her first semester freshman year studying at the Rothberg Institute, Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Michael, a high school senior, will be attending Young Judea's Gap Year program in Israel after he graduates high school. Currently Rebecca is a sophomore



at Brandeis University in Boston and Michael is a senior at Beaverton High School and completing his senior year in Tichon.

## What is important to you?

"Israel is important to us. Our children have been to Israel five times. Family is central to our existence. Our family celebrates Shabbat every Friday night either with the four of us or with our extended family. We eat dinner together every night. Family time is very important."

## What does community mean to you?

"The Kahns lead and ask others to join them. We actively engage in our community. Neither we, nor our children, sit on the sidelines waiting for someone else to get something done. We have taught our children to use their voices, not wait for someone else, to be proud of who they are and to know where they came from. We have taught our children, through our actions, to work for the survival and continuation of Jewish community and Jewish life. We believe in the important notion of Jews taking care of other Jews first. That is what community means to us."

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# An Introduction to the Feldstein Library's Beit Midrash

**By: Gary P. Laroff**



One of the unsung wonders of our Feldstein Library is the Beit Midrash. What and where is a Beit Midrash you ask? A Beit Midrash is a study hall and ours, also known as Room 111, is on the other side of those double doors at the far end of the Library.

So let's assume you need to look something up or do Jewish study with the classic Jewish texts for personal or scholastic reasons. And let's also assume you looked again at your collection of three books at home and this time your Tanach, Siddur and copy of "Heritage" by Abba Eban are just not going to cut it. When you find yourself in this position, the Beit Midrash is the place to go.

Most of the time you don't have access to the books you need, or you wind up needing yet another resource, or you have a place to work that has most of the resources, but most of them are in Hebrew or Aramaic and you read English. If this is you, then the Beit Midrash is for you.

The Beit Midrash has four walls of bookcases housing over 250 ft. of our classic books, mostly in English, has two large conference tables and 13 cushy chairs.

The Tanach (Bible) section has single volume copies of the

Tanach, but also single volumes for each of the books in the Tanach. We have the five volume modern set of commentary by the Jewish Publication Society but also the classic volumes in English of the commentaries by Rashi and Ramban. If your needs are somewhere in between, we have a few hundred books in English that cover that as well.

If your needs are a little deeper, the Beit Midrash has you covered. Our sages said in the name of Rabbi Yehoshua: "One should always divide his study-time into three - a third should be devoted to Scripture (Tanach), a third to Mishnah, and a third to Talmud." This might be good advice if you're preparing a talk or a paper as quoting from varied sources. It is usually informative and the Beit Midrash can help you make short work of it.

The first third, Tanach, we discussed above. The second third encompasses the body of work called Mishnah and we have both single volume and two full sets of the Mishnah. The Philip Blackman version from Judaica Press is in Hebrew, flowing English and word by word Hebrew/English commentary. The 21-volume Kehati Mishnah is a fast-reading English version that has become an international standard with clear English translation and a good flowing English commentary.

The final third of our classic works is the Talmud. The Talmud itself contains Scriptural verses, Mishnayot and Halakhot, and, of course, the reasoning and logic behind the laws of the Torah. For Talmud study and resources we have the full set of English language Soncino Talmud, a full set of the modern Schottenstein Talmud with many extra volumes and the Steinsaltz version of the Talmud. For those who choose, we also have a beautiful full set of the Vilna Shas printed in 1951.

For all of these sources, we have a full complement of dedicated dictionaries, indexes and commentaries both for Hebrew and English study and a big table to spread out on. For classic Judaic study, the Feldstein Library's Beit Midrash is the place for you. Check it out soon.

*For more information about the Feldstein Library, please visit: [nevehshalom.org/feldstein-library](http://nevehshalom.org/feldstein-library) or contact Librarian Kaiya Goldhammer at: [kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org).*



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# Jewish Travel Notes

**By: Barry Horowitz**



Fanny and I recently returned from a 6-week trip to Africa (Tanzania/Zanzibar, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa). As always when we travel, we try to make some Jewish connection related to the places we visit. What was different this time was the general absence of Jewish content. Although South Africa has a relatively large Jewish population, (and many South

African Jews live in Portland), our time there was brief, limited to two days in Johannesburg where our attention was focused on the Apartheid Museum, and Jewish support of the anti-apartheid movement, and a few days in Cape Town where we had virtually no time on our own.

Nevertheless, we were very curious about what Jewish presence there was or might have been in the other countries we visited. Except for the short city visits in South Africa, the focus of this trip was on Africa's natural beauty and the animals to be seen on safari, so we had little time in cities, where any Jewish presence or history would most likely be found.



We did not encounter any indication of a Jewish presence during our time in the Serengeti (in Tanzania) and our inquiries in Zanzibar (an island nation integrated into Tanganyika to create Tanzania) an ancient trading center also came up empty. Because of the trading history of Zanzibar, this was rather surprising, but questions to our very knowledgeable and helpful local guide provided no joy.

In Botswana, where the highlight was our time in the Okavango Delta, we never came close to a city, although there is apparently some Jewish presence in the capital city of Gaborone, mostly connected to the Israeli Embassy and agricultural interests.

We next traveled to Zambia. Our activities were out in the "bush," but we did pass through Livingstone (yes, that Livingstone, you presume) a city about 10 miles from Victoria Falls. This area of east Africa, also including Zimbabwe, was previously known as Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia. There was a small population of European Jews in Livingstone, beginning in the late 19th century, including at least one of whom figured prominently in Zambia's struggle for independence from Britain. There is a former synagogue in Livingstone, which is now a Christian church.

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***So no synagogue visits, no kosher meals, no Shabbat service, but in one fashion or another the idea of Jewishness was still present for us during our Africa journey.***

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The last country on our itinerary was Zimbabwe, a country of great physical beauty, wonderful and kind people, and a totally bankrupt, corrupt and non-functioning government. We never got close to Harare, the capital, which was a good thing. We did however, discuss the curious and interesting story of the Lemba people of southern Zimbabwe with Esther, the manager of one of our game camps.

The story of the Lemba has echoes of the stories of other "lost tribes of Israel," but there may be some reality here: they do not eat pork, males are circumcised, they practice a form of ritual slaughter of their animals, some men wear skull caps and a 'star of David' can be found on gravestones. None of this proves "Jewishness," (or Islam), but hearing the story from Esther at our camp in the Hwange National Park, made an impression.

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## Member News

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### Kvell With Us

**MAZEL TOV to Danya and Golan Minyan** who gave birth to **Lev Minyan** on July 28th. His brothers are **Eitan and Nadav Minyan**. Grandparents are **Cheryl and Hanoch Livneh**, Portland, and **Aliza Minyan and Yehoshua Minyan** of Israel.

**Mazel Tov to CNS' second oldest member, Jack Lakefish**, who turned 99 years old on September 30.



**Mazel Tov to Robin and Abraham Furman** who welcomed a beautiful new grandson into their lives on August 19th. **Jonah Bernard**, son of **Adam and Courtney Furman**, arrived 2 weeks early weighing in at 8 lb 10 oz. He was 20 3/4 in long. Jonah is counting the days until he can join the Monkey class at Foundation School!

**Mazel Tov to Rachel Nelson** (previously Rachel Rothstein) on her marriage to **Jason Nelson**. Congratulations to **Fred Rothstein**, our Executive Director, and his wife **Nora**, parents to Rachel, on their daughter's nuptials!

**Mazel Tov to Sarah Marie Palumbis** on her Bat Mitzvah. She is the daughter of **Kim Schneiderman and Jason Palumbis** and granddaughter of **Marty and Sharyn Schneiderman**.

**Mazel Tov to Norman and Kathy Chusid** on the marriage of their son, **Adam Chusid**, to **Megan Florio** on May 21, 2016. The newlyweds reside in San Francisco. Also, another big Mazel Tov on the birth of their granddaughter, **Hannah Elise Chusid**, born on August 12, 2016. Parents are **Brad and Naomi Chusid** and big brother **Noah**. Other grandparents are **Gary and Debbie Frank** of San Francisco.



Mazel tov to **Hannah Berg and Daniel Mandell** on the birth of a beautiful baby boy, born on Friday, September 9. Also to the proud grandparents, CNS members **Gabe and Phyllis Berg**.

**Mazel Tov to Ilene Safyan** on being one of three winners of The Jewish Daily Forward's national "Soundtrack of our Spirit 2016" competition. This is exciting news and a well deserved honor. Visit here to learn more and to hear her song: <http://forward.com/series/soundtrack/2016/>

**Mazel Tov to Marissa and Eric Richardson** on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, **Frederick Dov**, born Sept. 13, 2016. The grandparents are **Phyllis and Sam Louke**.

**Mazel tov to Lindsay and Nathan Von Colditz** on the birth of their son, **Zev Ware von Colditz** on September 8 at 5:08 p.m. He took very seriously the idea that the whole full term can be 42 weeks and arrived at 42 weeks 0 days at 10 lbs, 2 oz / 21 inches.



**Mazel tov to Sherry Scheinman** on the engagement of her son **Daniel to Blakelee Kelley**. Dan works in business development for the corporate partnership department of the Portland Trail Blazers and Blakelee is a special education teacher in the Evergreen School district. Also, mazel tov to Sherry on her son **Michael's** attainment of his MBA with honors from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Michael works for Hotwire in hotel initiatives and business optimization.

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

**Chris (Michael) Feves**, on the passing of his beloved mother, **Cecilia "Dolores" Gregory (z"l)**.

**Jon (Michelle) Caplan** on the passing of his beloved uncle, **Bernie Caplan (z"l)**.

**Sarah (Brian) Rohr** on the passing of her dear beloved aunt, **Yael Goldblatt (z"l)**, of Danville, Ca. She is survived by her husband, **Rabbi Dan Goldblatt** and their two sons, **Jonathan and Ethan Goldblatt**.

**Foundation School teacher Joyce Stein**, on the passing of her beloved aunt.

**Grigory and Marat Shabashevich**, on the passing of their beloved mother, **Khava Shabashevich (z"l)**.

**Martha Dechard** on the passing of her beloved father, **Paul M. Weil (z"l)**, on September 14. According to Martha, "[He] was a man who worked hard his whole life to make the world a better place."

**Sandra Schmahmann** on the passing of her beloved husband, **Brian Campf (z"l)**

**Deanne Froehlich** on the passing of her beloved father and our dear congregant, **Walter Froehlich (z"l)**.



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in honor of Jay Bodner's 70th  
Birthday  
in honor of Joel and Hilarie  
Wasserman's anniversary

### Rabbi Kosak

#### Discretionary Fund

**Gregory Harris:**  
in memory of Besse Harris  
**Mel Hoffman and Trudi Stone:**  
in memory of Jeannie Hoffman  
**Michael Mundell:**  
in memory of LaVerne Mundell  
**Geraldine Roth:**  
in memory of Ross Coblens

### Rabbi Posen

#### Discretionary Fund

**Thomas and Julie Diamond:**  
in honor of Rabbi Posen's  
growing family  
**Harry and Mary Goldhammer:**  
in appreciation of Eve Posen  
**Victor and Toinette Menashe:**  
in honor of Max Benjamin  
**Gary and Sylvia Pearlman:**  
in honor of Max Benjamin  
**Ruby Sachter:**  
in honor of Shiri's new baby  
brother  
**Arden and Lois Shenker:**  
in honor of Max Benjamin  
in honor of Gary and Sylvia  
Pearlman's wedding anniversary  
**Allan and Judy Weingard:**  
in honor of Max Benjamin

### Religious School

**Alan and Vicki Rotstein:**  
in memory of Seymour Singer  
**Jerry and Bunny Sadis:**  
in honor of Jared Norman's Bar  
Mitzvah

**Mark/Leah Rubin**  
**Foundation School Fund**  
**Ellen Singer and Eamon**  
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in honor of Max Benjamin  
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in honor of Baby Max (Matan)  
Benjamin Gilman

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**Kahn, Nancy and Allan Lipton,**  
**The Oshreow-Chapman**  
**Family, Alan and Vicki**  
**Rotstein, Diana and Stephen**  
**Sirkin, Marnie and Steve**  
**Stiglitz**

**Peter and Rita Bedrick:**  
in memory of Lou Menashe  
**Jessica and Garrett Fenton**  
**Nancy and Allan Lipton:**  
in memory of Goldie Stampfer  
**Linda and Michael Osherow**

**Stampfer Lecture Fund**  
in memory of Goldie Stampfer  
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**Marc Blattner and the Jewish**  
**Federation Staff, Lesley and**  
**Robert Glasgow, Kay and**  
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**Sirkin, Morris Stein, Melvin**  
**and Janet Swire, Norman**  
**and Suzan Wapnick, Linda**  
**Ostomel**

**Barry and Barbara Caplan:**  
in honor of Renee Holzman's  
special birthday

**Mark Rosenberg and Ilene**  
**Safyan:**  
in memory of Sylvia Levinson  
**Jack and Barbara Schwartz:**  
in honor of Renee Holzman's  
special birthday

**Soble Renovation Fund**  
**Thelma Geffen:**  
in memory of Dottie Fields  
**Jerome and Shirley Nudelman:**  
get well wishes for Del Fields

### Sylvia Pearlman

**Membership Fund**  
in honor of Gary and Sylvia  
Pearlman's 55th anniversary  
**Sheri and Lee Cordova,**  
**Rosalie Goodman, Lawrence**  
**and Sandra Hupp, Bari**  
**Isaacson, Victor and Toinette**  
**Menashe, Gloria Newman,**  
**Jack and Barbara Schwartz,**  
**Debbi Villani-Allen, Norman**  
**and Suzan Wapnick**

**Sylvia and Gary Pearlman:**  
in memory of Sylvia Levinson  
in memory of Sam Pearlman

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in memory of Goldie Stampfer  
**Regina Atlas, Stanley**  
**and Judith Blauer, Donna**  
**Brownstein, Barry and**  
**Barbara Caplan, Wynne**  
**Cooper, Thomas and Julie**  
**Diamond, Helen Duewel,**  
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**Menashe, Sandra Oster, Sylvia**  
**and Gary Pearlman, Lee Funes**  
**Lee Funes:**  
in memory of Lou Menashe  
**Dale Oller:**  
in honor of Frieda Tobin's  
birthday  
in memory of Louis Tobin  
**Idelle Weinstein and Family:**  
in memory of Merritt Linn

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**Scholarship**  
**Melvin and Cathy Berlant:**  
in memory of Lillian Subotnick  
**Sylvia Frankel and Family:**  
in memory of Goldie Stampfer

**Sala Kryszek Public**  
**Fund**  
**Jerome and Shirley Nudelman:**  
in honor of your birthday  
**Sylvia and Gary Pearlman**

### Tikkun Olam

**Lesley and Robert Glasgow:**  
in memory of Sylvia Levinson  
**Joan and Paul Sher:**  
in memory of Seymour Singer

### Toinette Menashe

**Bookshelf Fund**  
**Irwin and Renée Holzman:**  
in memory of Louis Rosenberg

### USY Travel Fund

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in honor of Max Benjamin  
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in memory of Irving Mills

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**Craig Weinstein:**  
in honor of Gary and Carolyn  
Weinstein's 60th Anniversary  
**Delphine Davis:**  
in memory of Nettie Sherman  
in memory of Benjamin  
Sherman  
in memory of Milton Davis  
**Weinstein Family Foundation:**  
in memory of Goldie Stampfer  
**Jerrie Roth and Family:**  
in memory of Ike Roth  
**Marty and Sharyn**  
**Schneiderman:**  
in honor of Carolyn and Gary  
Weinstein's community award  
**Susan Schwartz:**  
in honor of Carolyn and Gary  
Weinstein's anniversary  
**Mimi and Robert Sorkin:**  
in honor of Gary and Carolyn  
Weinstein's community award  
**Carolyn and Gary Weinstein:**  
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**Tell us what building community at Neveh Shalom means to you.**

**Elovitz Family** - "I have worked very hard making sure new members of Neveh Shalom feel a sense of belonging and this has definitely helped with our family community building as well. My wife, Nicole, and I have developed many lasting relationships through Neveh Shalom. I'm happy to see our daughter, Maude, carry this tradition on with her USY work. I look forward to continuing this community building with Men's Club and continuing to invite other people to our party. As someone near and dear to our family once said, life is a party and everyone is just waiting to be invited. So, invite someone to your party!"  
*PICTURED, l to r: Mitch, Nicole and Maude Elovitz.*



**Greenberg Family** - "A year after my family joined this congregation I catapulted myself into getting involved in a wide variety of activities through the role of Program Director. Some of these projects were not what I would normally have engaged in, but each of them have connected me with different segments of our greater synagogue population, providing me a window into other's passions, needs and perspectives. I have been extremely blessed to have worked with amazing people. I have been inspired by the older generation of "roll-up your sleeves and polish the brass" leadership. Through diving in, I have made dear, life-long friends when least expected. I have had a unique lens on this community. My buddy, Ben Philan (z"l), once said 'us guys used to be the ones getting things done here.' He was noting a generational difference in involvement. Frankly, I would not have been as

involved had it not been for my job. But now, taking a bird's eye view, I can wholeheartedly say that when you get involved (in any way, even just chatting with others over Kiddush) you find the heart of this community. While I have stepped down from a professional role here at Neveh Shalom, I look forward to staying involved."

*PICTURED, l to r: Andrew, Solomon, Jennifer and Miles Greenberg*



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# November

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cheshvan



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>For <b>ALIYAH/TICHON</b> schedule, please visit: <a href="http://nevehshalom.org/aliyah-k-6">nevehshalom.org/aliyah-k-6</a> or <a href="http://nevehshalom.org/aliyah-7-12">nevehshalom.org/aliyah-7-12</a></p>	<p>For <b>Foundation School</b> schedule, please visit: <a href="http://foundationschoolpdx.org">foundationschoolpdx.org</a></p>	<p><b>1</b> 30 tishri</p> <p>7:00am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit</p> <p><b>ROSH CHODESH</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 1 cheshvan</p> <p>7:00am Morning Minyan 12:00pm Walking our Talk with R. Kosak 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:00pm Shalom for the Soul 7:35pm Learning to Leyn</p> <p><b>ROSH CHODESH</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 2 cheshvan</p> <p>6:00pm Rabbi Stampfer Community Enrichment Award</p> <p>See Below for additional events and classes</p>	<p><b>4</b> 3 cheshvan 5:34pm</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p> <p>6:15pm First Friday with Ilene Safyan</p>	<p><b>5</b> 4 cheshvan</p> <p>9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Torah Troop 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kiddush Club</p> <p><i>Noach</i></p>
<p><b>6</b> 5 cheshvan</p> <p>9:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Habitat for Humanity 12:30pm Sisterhood Sundays</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 7:15pm Koleinu Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit 7:00pm Membership Committee</p> <p><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 8 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 12:00pm Walking our Talk with R. Kosak 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:00pm Shalom for the Soul 7:35pm Learning to Leyn</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9 cheshvan</p> <p>See Below</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10 cheshvan 4:25pm</p> <p>Guest Scholar - Arnold Roth 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>VETERANS DAY CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY</p>	<p><b>12</b> 11 cheshvan</p> <p>Bat Mitzvah of Mayah Greenfield Guest Scholar - Arnold Roth 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:30am Downstairs Minyan</p> <p><i>Lech Lecha</i></p>
<p><b>13</b> 12 cheshvan</p> <p>Guest Scholar - Arnold Roth 9:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Unveiling of Josh Kahn, z"l 10:30am Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean (off-site) 7:30pm Sisterhood Welcome with Wine &amp; Chocolate</p>	<p><b>14</b> 13 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 7:15pm Koleinu Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>15</b> 14 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Wondering Jews Tea at Two Talk 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit</p>	<p><b>16</b> 15 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 12:00pm Walking our Talk with R. Kosak 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:00pm Shalom for the Soul 7:35pm Learning to Leyn</p>	<p><b>17</b> 16 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 10:00am Siddur Lev Shalem Class with R. Isaak 11:00am Oregon Jews Class 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak 7:00pm Board of Directors</p>	<p><b>18</b> 17 cheshvan 4:18pm</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>19</b> 18 cheshvan</p> <p>9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Torah Troop 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kiddush Club 11:30am Young Families Community Give Back</p> <p><i>Vayera</i></p>
<p><b>20</b> 19 cheshvan</p> <p>9:00am Morning Minyan 9:45am Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration</p>	<p><b>21</b> 20 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 7:15pm Koleinu Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>22</b> 21 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit</p>	<p><b>23</b> 22 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p>	<p><b>24</b> 23 cheshvan</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Morning Minyan</p> <p><b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 24 cheshvan 4:13pm</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Morning Minyan 5:15pm 4th Friday w/ R. Eve 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>26</b> 25 cheshvan</p> <p>9:00am Combined Shabbat Services</p> <p><i>Chaye Sarah</i></p>
<p><b>27</b> 26 cheshvan</p> <p>9:00am Morning Minyan</p>	<p><b>28</b> 27 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 7:15pm Koleinu Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b> 28 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit 7:00pm Sisterhood Women's Talit Program</p>	<p><b>30</b> 29 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:00pm Shalom for the Soul 7:35pm Learning to Leyn</p>			

**November 3:** 7:15am Morning Minyan; 10:00am Siddur Lev Shalem Class with R. Isaak; 11:00am Oregon Jews Class with R. Stampfer; 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak; 6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer Class  
**November 10:** 7:15am Morning Minyan; 8:00am Building & Grounds; 10:00am Siddur Lev Shalem; 11:00am Oregon Jews Class; 1:00pm Nosh & Drash, MJCC; 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak; 6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer Class; 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting



# Mark Your Calendars And Join Congregation

**Talmud Class with Rabbi Stampfer**  
**Tuesdays, 5:00pm, R. Stampfer's home**  
Join our Emeritus Rabbi for weekly study of our sacred texts. Free.

**Bible Class with Rabbi Isaak**  
**Thursdays, 3:15pm**  
Weekly learning and discussion on a book in the Tanakh with Rabbi Emeritus, Daniel Isaak. Free.

**Machon Ivrit**  
**Tuesdays, Nov 1-May 23, 7:00pm**  
Year-long course in Modern Hebrew. Whether you are new to Judaism or a lifelong learner who feels like pursuing new skills, parents keeping up with your kids, or preparing for a trip to Israel, we invite you to join Machon Ivrit!

**Siddur Basics**  
**Wednesdays, starting Nov 2, 6:30pm**  
Join us to learn the Shabbat morning service. The course is divided into modules that last from 4-6 weeks. Each week we go through different parts of the service slow enough so that each class member can learn to recite the words. No more mumbling through services! Drop-ins welcome.

**Shalom for the Soul: Jewish Wisdom for Stress Management**  
**Wednesdays: Nov 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec 7 7:00-8:15pm**  
Stresses like divorce, death of a loved one, family or financial challenges, or continual negative thought patterns can lead to intense emotions and self-destructive behaviors. In this five week course, participants will be introduced to the practice of Dialectical Behavior Therapy with a Jewish lens. DBT, an evidence-based treatment, helps increase skills in emotional regulation and stress tolerance. Taught by JoAnn Bezodis

**Trope: Learning to Leyn**  
**Wednesdays, starting Nov 2, 7:35pm**  
This class is for those who want to learn to chant Torah and for those who want to improve their skills. We will learn the common trope patterns with an introduction to sentence structure, as well as the less common tropes.

There will be time during each session for students to work on--and get help with--individual readings. Taught by Deb Freedberg. Prerequisite: Working knowledge of the Alef-Bet.

**Hebrew for Prayer**  
**Thursdays, starting Nov 3, 6:30pm**  
Increase your understanding of what we say when we pray. Together we will learn the most common shoreshim (roots) that are used throughout our siddur (prayerbook). Each week we will unpack and translate prayers from Shabbat services. Taught by Deb Freedberg.

**Walking Our Talk: A Musar Meander With Rabbi Kosak**  
**Wednesdays: Nov 2, 9 & 16, 12:00pm**  
Join Rav D for a brown bag lunch and study session of an evocative musar text, followed by a half hour walk where we will contemplate our lesson in a nearby beautiful Portland location. Bring comfortable walking shoes and appropriate rain gear as we'll be wandering in mist, downpour or unlikely sunshine. Class size will be limited. Please contact Karen Wilkins at [kwilkins@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kwilkins@nevehshalom.org) to RSVP

**The Rabbi Stampfer Community Enrichment Award**  
**Thursday, Nov 3, 6:00pm**  
Carolyn and Gary Weinstein have been selected as The Stampfer Community Enrichment Award 2016 honorees. Join us as we celebrate this amazing couple who has done so much for Neveh Shalom and the entire Portland Jewish community. RSVP to: [meverett@nevehshalom.org](mailto:meverett@nevehshalom.org)

**First Friday with Ilene Safyan**  
**Friday, Nov 4, 6:15pm**  
Bring your spirit and your voice together on the first Friday of the month. Accompanied by Ilene Safyan on guitar, this service is one of beautiful music, filled with singing and participation. New melodies are intermixed with congregational favorites. It's a wonderful way to welcome Shabbat. Stampfer Chapel.

**CNS Sisterhood Sunday/ Rosh Chodesh, Sunday, Nov 6, Dec 4, 12:30pm**  
Embrace Rosh Chodesh - a women's sacred time. Join Karen Sharp, herbalist and student of spiritual thought, as we find ways to bring the spiritual themes of each Jewish month to our lives using our senses in different ways. Room 111

**Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Eve Posen**  
**Thursday, Nov 10, Dec 8, 1:00pm**  
Nov: Learn all about Parshat Lech Lecha: when blind faith meets a white lie. Dec: Explore the coming and going of Parshat Vayetze. Free & open to all at the MJCC.

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**Arnold Roth**  
**Weekend of November 11- 13**

***Terrorism Through the Eyes of the People it Impacts; Personal and Communal Reflections***

Neveh Shalom & the entire Suher family present the first Scholar in Residence program in memory of Yoni Suher, who died in a terrorist attack in Turkey, March, 2016.  
[www.nevehshalom.org/arnoldroth](http://www.nevehshalom.org/arnoldroth)

***Shabbat, Friday & Saturday***  
Hear uplifting drash and join us for a special Shabbat afternoon study after Kiddush lunch.

***Saturday, November 12, 7:00pm***  
***Out of the Screaming Silence:  
In the Crosshairs of the Terrorist's  
Weapons***  
Havdalah and Presentation

***Sunday, November 13, 3:00pm***  
***Keren Malki Foundation***  
Expanding options in home health-care for families with severely disabled children. Healthcare professionals, social workers and parents are encouraged to join us.

*Please note: programs are subject to change, please contact the office for more information.  
Do you like this new calendar layout? Let us know!*

# Neveh Shalom For These Great Programs!

**Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean**  
**Sunday, November 13, 10:30-11:00am**  
**Mirabella Tower 3550 SW Bond Ave.**  
When Spain launched the Inquisition, it got something completely unexpected - Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean. "Shiver my knishes!" Join Ron Silver and Eric Kimmel for salty tales of the Jewish pirates who found revenge, and a whole lot of booty, as they raised havoc in the Spanish New World.

**Sisterhood Welcome with Wine & Chocolate**  
**Sunday, November 13, 7:30pm**  
Join the Sisterhood for this special welcoming event.

**Wondering Jews Tea for Two:**  
**Tuesday, Nov 15, Dec 13, 2:00pm**  
Open to all- come wonder with us!

**Sisterhood Women's Tallit Program**  
**Tuesday, November 29**  
This program will include information about the history and use of a tallit by women, as well as guidelines for making your own tallit.

**Men's Club Thursday Night Football**  
**Thursday, Dec 8, 5:30pm**  
Enjoy watching the Oakland Raiders take on the Kansas City Chiefs at the home of Mitch Elovitz. RSVP at: elovitzclan@comcast.net.

**Women's Torah Study**  
**Saturday, Dec 10, 12:30pm**  
An uplifting hour of study on Shabbat! Delve into biblical and midrashic text, (Hebrew and English text available) with a group of other women to find meaning from our traditions that relate to our lives. All levels of experience welcome. Taught by Mel Berwin. Free.

**Music to Light the Night - Ilene Safyan**  
**Sunday, Dec 11, 2016, 7:00pm**  
Please join us for a very special evening of great music, fine wines, and delicious desserts for a beautiful end to your weekend. You will be treated to the musical gifts of Ilene Safyan, award winning singer and composer and talented, versatile pianist, Barry

Lavine. They will perform some of your favorite music, including Jazz standards, contemporary favorites and some wonderful new surprises. This will be an evening to remember! \$36

**All Congregation Chanukah Party**  
**Wednesday, Dec 28, 6:00pm**  
Celebrate the festival of lights with your congregational friends. Bring your own chanukiah to light and help build a toilet paper chanukiah! Bring toilet paper donations to support the Men's Club Toilet Paper Drive for Neighborhood House. Join us for a festive night of food and music. Birnback Hall

## Young Family & Youth Shabbat

**Young Family Tot Shabbat**  
**1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15am**  
Join other young families in Zidell Chapel for singing, dancing, stories, indoor picnic-style lunch and Shabbat fun.

**Kiddush Club for K-2nd Grade**  
**1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15am**  
Join other families for prayer, singing, conversation and fun followed by an indoor picnic style lunch.

**Torah Troop for 3rd-5th graders**  
**1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:00am**  
Meet in the MAIN service (Stampfer Chapel or Main Sanctuary) for the beginning of the Torah service, and then come out with your friends for a fun and active lesson on the Torah portion (parsha) of the week. Return to the service to help lead Adon Olam, and join the community for lunch!

**Tot Shabbat Community Give-Back**  
**Saturday, November 19, after lunch (11:30am-ish)**  
Families are invited to bring travel size toiletries to every Tot Shabbat for collection. We will then engage in a hands-on mitzvah project of creating toiletry bags for the Neighborhood House on November 19th after lunch.

**Young Families 4<sup>th</sup> Friday w/ Rabbi Eve**  
**Friday, Nov 25, 5:15pm (No Dec)**  
Join Rabbi Eve and welcome Shabbat with music and stories, potluck dinner to follow. Contact Rabbi Eve Posen for location: eposes@nevehshalom.org. Co-sponsored by PJ Library.

**PJ Havdallah (ages 0-5)**  
**December 10, 5:15pm**  
Join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat in our PJs. We'll have dinner, stories, art and fun. \$5 per person. RSVP at: www.nevehshalom.org/pjhavdallah

**Celebrate Chanukah: A Festival for Kids and Families**  
**Sunday, Dec 18, 9:30am - noon**  
Create a menorah, make Sufganiyot, play Dreidel, dance and sing, story time, play Aaea. All are welcome (ages 0-12 and parents), FREE and no RSVP required. Co-sponsored by PJ Library.

## Lend a Hand

**Habitat For Humanity Build**  
**Sunday, Nov 6, 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 good deed for our community. RSVP: Michael Titelbaum: titelb@comcast

**Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration**  
**Sunday, Nov 20, Dec 18, 9:45am**  
Join us as we remove non-native, invasive plants. Bring a small tool (trowel, small shovel, pruner, clippers), gloves if you have them, sturdy shoes with good traction, and dress for the weather. Don't forget your sense of humor; we like to schmooze while we work. It's good for the soil and good for the soul. Jordan Epstein, 503.245.6580, yaakovm@comcast.net.

## Unveilings

**Unveiling for Josh Kahn, z"l** Sunday, November 13, 11:00am Ahavai Shalom Cemetery

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1 kislev See Below  ROSH CHODESH	2 2 kislev 4:10pm 7:15am Morning Minyan 5:30pm Better Together Dinner 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	3 3 kislev Bar Mitzvah of Alex Weiss 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Torah Troop 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kiddush Club  Toldot
4 4 kislev 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am New Member Brunch 12:30pm Sisterhood Sundays	5 5 kislev 7:15am Morning Minyan 7:15pm Koleinu Rehearsal	6 6 kislev 7:15am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	7 7 kislev 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:00pm Shalom for the Soul 7:35pm Learning to Leyn	8 8 kislev See Below	9 9 kislev 4:09pm 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	10 10 kislev Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Jacobowitz 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:30am Downstairs Minyan 12:30pm Women's Torah Study 5:15pm PJ Havdallah Vayetze
11 11 kislev 9:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Caring for Congregates 9:30am Mother's Circle 7:00pm Music to Light the Night w/ Ilene Safyan	12 12 kislev 7:15am Morning Minyan 7:15pm Koleinu Rehearsal	13 13 kislev 7:15am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Wondering Jews Tea at Two Talk 5:00pm Talmud Class 7:00pm Machon Ivrit	14 14 kislev 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:30pm Siddur Basics 7:35pm Learning to Leyn	15 15 kislev 7:15am Morning Minyan 10:00am Siddur Lev Shalem 11:00am Oregon Jews Class 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak 6:30pm Hebrew Prayer Class 7:00pm Board of Directors	16 16 kislev 4:10pm 7:15am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	17 17 kislev 9:00am Shabbat Services 10:00am Torah Troop 10:15am Tot Shabbat 10:15am Kiddush Club  Vayishlach
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25 25 kislev 9:00am Morning Minyan  CHRISTMAS DAY HANUKKAH	26 26 kislev OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Morning Minyan  HANUKKAH	27 27 kislev 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Talmud Class  HANUKKAH	28 28 kislev 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm All Congregation Chanukah Party  HANUKKAH	29 29 kislev 7:00am Morning Minyan 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak  HANUKKAH	30 1 tevet 4:19pm 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH	31 2 tevet Bar Mitzvah of Max Spurr 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:30am Downstairs Minyan  Miketz HANUKKAH

**December 1:** 7:00am Morning Minyan; 10:00am Siddur Lev Shalem Class with R. Isaak; 11:00am Oregon Jews Class with R. Stampfer; 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak; 6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer; 6:30pm Rabbi Committee; 7:00pm Executive Committee / **December 8:** 7:15am Morning Minyan; 8:00am Building & Grounds; 10:00am Siddur Lev Shalem; 11:00am Oregon Jews Class; 1:00pm Nosh & Drash, MJCC; 3:30pm Bible Class R. Isaak; 5:30pm Men's Club Thursday Night Football; 6:30pm Hebrew Prayer Class; 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting



*Joining us from Jerusalem, Scholar in Residence*

# Arnold Roth



**November 11-13, 2016**  
**Terrorism Through the Eyes of the People it  
Impacts; Personal and Communal Reflections**

Arnold Roth, and his wife Frimet, experienced devastating tragedy when their daughter was killed in a 2001 bombing in Jerusalem. They established the Malki Foundation in her memory, supporting Israeli families caring for special-needs children. Arnold Roth has written and spoken extensively about terrorism's impact. He has been an invited speaker at the UN, the US Congress, is a frequent contributor to major newspapers and has been interviewed by organizations around the globe.

**Friday & Saturday Shabbat, November 11/12**

Hear uplifting drash and join us for a special Shabbat afternoon study after Kiddush lunch.

**Saturday, November 12, 7pm**

**Out of the Screaming Silence:**

**In the Crosshairs of the Terrorist's Weapons**

Presentation with Havdalah and Reception.

**Sunday, November 13, 3pm**

**Keren Malki Foundation**

Expanding options in home health-care for families with severely disabled children. Healthcare professionals, social workers and parents are encouraged to join us.



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# Music to Light the Night

**With  
Ilene  
Safyan**



**Sunday, December 11, 7:00pm**

Please join us for a very special evening of great music, fine wines, and delicious desserts for a beautiful end to your weekend. You will be treated to the musical gifts of Ilene Safyan, award winning singer and composer and talented, versatile pianist, Barry Lavine. They will perform some of your favorite music, including Jazz standards, contemporary favorites and some wonderful new surprises. This will be an evening to remember!

**\$36/person ~ Stampfer Chapel**  
Tickets at: [tinyurl.com/lightthenight2016](http://tinyurl.com/lightthenight2016)

*Thanks to Ilene Safyan, Barry Lavine, Estelle Imports, Bev Getreu, Keren Barbash and Mor Yelvington.*



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