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One People, Two Lands

By Rabbi David Kosak

I am thrilled that our focus in this issue of the Chronicle is on Israel as she turns seventy. It highlights the many ways that Israel is alive and well at Neveh Shalom. You may be surprised at how Neveh Shalom is alive and well in Israel also – reading about some of our families who made aliyah provides just such a window.

Yet to speak about Israel at all is becoming treacherous ground in our increasingly diverse Jewish community. Not so many years ago, almost all American Jews felt pride in Israel. It was a strong component of American Jewish identity. She was our little miracle, the one that held off countless hostile Arab armies, who made the desert bloom and created the Silicon Wadi with the greatest number of start-up companies per capita of any country in the world.

Today our relationship with Israel is increasingly broken, bruised, or irrelevant. There are many reasons for this change in attitude. On Kol Nidre, I offered a historical explanation.

In those comments, I noted that for almost all of Jewish history, we lived outside of our ancestral homeland. What united us was our longing to return, as well as overt and vicious anti-Semitism. But starting after World War II, in both America and Israel, we were confronted with a challenge for which our long history had never prepared us. What happens once we actually arrive? Once we are finally "at home."

In an ironic twist of history, that same post-war period found both American and Israeli Jews at home and secure in ways that our ancestors could never have imagined. The two most successful Jewish communities of all time just happened to arise at the same moment.

While this is an overall good, and while the problems of being settled and at home face both communities, the conditions of our life and the forms of power that we wield are very different. In America, our commitment to democratic, inclusive, and egalitarian values comes easy to us, because they are the same values that have granted us access to power and career success here. In Israel, however, those same values sometimes conflict with self-determination because large segments of the Palestinian population form a very real fifth column.

These different conditions have created an understanding gap where in some ways the problems of each community are invisible to the other. There is a sense of disappointment and even of moral superiority that each side exhibits which adds to the daylight between American and Israeli Jews. On a parallel track, it seems that this gap in comprehension leads to a sense of emotional rejection.

As an example of this, it is painful when the forms of Judaism we practice, hold dear, and believe to be authentic expressions of our tradition are spurned by the Israeli government. This rebuff cuts deep at who we are; it can feel like a core component of who we are is being treated with contempt. We should not deny or belittle this issue.

Nonetheless, and speaking personally, my love for Israel is not wholly contingent on the actions of its government, any more than I judge the totality of America based on whichever administration is charged with steering a national path

at a given moment. So much of what is greatest about America is not found by viewing what occurs from a top-down hierarchical lens, or by focusing only on "newsworthy" happenings. Rather, innovation in arts, religion, culture, music, sports, and industry are the gifts of labor performed by individuals and groups.

That is equally true of Israel. Listening to how the Israeli jazz idiom is influenced by Middle-Eastern quarter tones and all the less common time signatures gathered from our long diaspora brings me pleasure. There's the cool, smooth sound of Anat Fort and the high intensity vibe of Omer Avital. Israeli musicians offer some of the most exciting sounds happening in the global jazz world.

Israeli rap, on the other hand, surprises me by how an American genre of music,

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20 Years Later

By Rabbi Eve Posen

It was February of 1998 when a bright-eyed 15-year-old got off the plane in Israel for the first time. I'm not sure what compelled me to announce to my parents that I was going to take a semester of high school to live in Israel, but whatever it was, it worked and there I was. Never having been before, it was a strange sensation arriving in another country that felt equally foreign and familiar. That magical moment when I walked off the plane I felt simultaneously at home and nostalgic, yet sad and fearful to be away from my family for a period of time. For four months I travelled the land, crisscrossing north to south, east to west, and fell in love with everything: the beautiful scenery as it passed outside the window of the tour bus, the food, and even my fellow travelers (we were teenagers after all).

There had never been much talk of Israel in my house growing up, although my paternal grandparents were Zionists. They intended to make *aliyah* in 1948, but their group of would-be émigrés fell apart and they never made it. As wonderful a dream as that was, I'm also thankful that occasionally plans change; if they had made it, my parents likely would have never met. All of this is to say that my interest in going to Israel was just as much about my teenage angst as it was about the land discussed in Hebrew school and in a few stories from friends and family.

What made that semester even more memorable was that I was in Jerusalem for the 50th birthday of Israel. The atmosphere in my group of teenagers was jovial and silly. We sprayed each other with shaving cream, pounded plastic blowup hammers, and sang and danced in the street with unbridled joy. The tumultuous politics of the Middle East could not have been further from my mind in that moment. My family was there visiting me, and I remember my father's smile, marking his first time back in that beautiful land since his own days of discovery 20 years earlier. It was easy, beautiful, and memorable.

To the 15-year-old Eve, Israel wasn't a political entity; it was a piece of my heritage, a part of my story. Now it's 2017, and we're on the brink of Israel's 70th birthday. She and I are both 20 years older. With age comes stress and complication, and often it is we, the

Jewish community outside of Israel, who are complicated. There's the left, the right, the center, and plenty more opinions to fill in the gaps. As we move toward this milestone celebration, I admit I lust after the Israel of my youth. May we continue to work toward the day when the gorgeous, magical, and always complex land in our hearts and the land in reality are one and the same.

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which has often been infected by misogyny here, has been repurposed as a form of political protest music that shares more with Dylan than Ice Cube. It's also not uncommon to find spiritual themes in Israeli hip-hop.

In other words, I believe that one way to restore the pride and love earlier generations had for Israel is by discovering her remarkable current vitality. It's a dynamism found in practically all areas of her society.

That doesn't mean we relinquish legitimate critiques we may have. It simply means that it's time we all develop a mature relationship with our ancestral homeland – one that's based on a well-rounded appreciation of all that Israel is, and of who we are. The two greatest Jewish communities of all time can offer each other remarkable treasures.

As Israel turns seventy, it's a perfect time for such a renewal.

B'ahavah,
Rav D

Grab a Mop!

By Cantor Eyal Bitton

When I was 18, I volunteered on Kibbutz Alumim, about half an hour south of Ashkelon. One time, a representative of the kibbutz instructed me and other volunteers to clean out a clubhouse. We were incensed. We hadn't made the mess and, in fact, had never even stepped foot in this clubhouse. Apparently, the mess had been made by a group of teenagers who had visited the kibbutz prior to our arrival.

A 16- or 17-year-old girl from the kibbutz named Yael overheard us complaining to each other and chimed in: "What's the big deal? Each one of you just grab a mop and get to work. You'll be done in no time and you'll have a good time."

I was speechless. Here we were – from North America and the UK – and our mentality was entirely different. Our society had taught us: "the people responsible for the mess should be held to account, not us." But Yael's approach was not to focus on who caused the problem but rather that it needs to be fixed.

This is when I began to understand what the Talmud means when it teaches us that *kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh* – all of Israel are responsible for one another. Once that is understood, the question shifts from finger-pointing to other questions: how do we work together NOW in order to improve, in order to forge ahead, in order to fix a problem that we may not have caused?

Whether it is in relation to Israel or to our own communities in the US, in Canada, and elsewhere, we have an obligation to be responsible for each other. The High Holy Days, which just passed, asked us to look inward as a community, recognize our flaws, and improve. Understanding that we are responsible for each other makes the process less complicated. It really is about grabbing a mop and working together. And who knows? We may end up having a good time doing it!

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An Overview

President's Corner

By Stephen Blake

During my tenure as president, I have often been asked about the deliberations of our Board of Directors and have been told many times that there is a lack of transparency between the Board and congregation members. For this reason, I have decided to use this column to provide an overview and update the community on issues the Board is currently dealing with.

First, I would like to remind you that the Board meetings, which generally take place on the third Thursday of each month, are open to any member who wishes to attend. With few exceptions, there is very little that the Board acts on that is not public information.

At the moment, there are a number of issues being considered. Some like financial status and membership are discussed at every meeting. Each month, our treasurer, Mark Kalenscher, gives a report on the current financial results and highlights areas that are doing better or worse than expected. This puts the Board on notice of any action that might be required to ensure the Congregation's financial security. Each month we also review any changes in membership, paying special attention to resignations as they can be warning signs of a potential problem.

In addition, reports are presented from various committees on current issues, project updates, new requests, etc. On a regular basis, we ask different committees or synagogue departments to make a detailed presentation outlining all of their responsibilities and projects. In November, the Membership Committee will be presenting.

The Board has been discussing CNS 150, the celebration of our 150th anniversary in 2019. As you have already heard, this will consist of two phases: One, a year-long celebration. Two, a capital campaign aimed at securing our financial future by retiring existing debt and building an endowment to help offset future operating expenses.

For our September meeting, topics of discussion included a review of High Holy Day services, the current status of our schools, and Fall programming. We also talked about the potential acquisition of a property adjacent to Ahavai Shalom cemetery.

I hope you find this information interesting and useful. We will try to keep you informed on a regular basis.

If Not Now, When? Carpe Diem!

In this issue of The Chronicle, we are exploring how connected American Jews are to the land of Israel. Does this reflection spark your interest? Perhaps it is time for you to go for a long overdue visit? If so, why not join Rabbi Isaak and his wife Carol on a trip of a lifetime and make 5778 the year that you keep that promise to yourself to personally experience Israel.

This two-week trip will take place from June 13 to June 27. Possible activities include exploring the new excavations in the City of David, climbing or going on the cable car to the top of Masada, spending time at Yad Vashem, swimming in the Dead Sea, shopping in the revitalized Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem, and participating in an archeological dig, among other things.

The trip is open to people of all ages in addition to friends outside of Neveh Shalom or Portland. If you are

interested, please contact Rabbi Isaak directly, as soon as possible, disaak@nevehshalom.org.

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

Mason Johnson- November 4

Mazel Tov to Mason Johnson, son of Wendy and Doug Johnson, and older brother to Levi Johnson. Proud grandparents include Trudi Stone and Mel Hoffman of Tualatin, OR and Richard Stone of Piedmont, CA. Mason is a 7th-grade student at Hazelbrook Middle School, where he plays drums and enjoys math and science. He is active in Boy Scouts, and in his free time he enjoys video games, Star Wars, hiking and camping. For his B'nai Mitzvah project he volunteered at the Audubon Society taking care of the education birds and the hospitalized animals.

Maya Malka - November 18

Maya Malka is daughter of Ronnie and David Malka, older sister to Ellie, and granddaughter of Judy and Yossi Malka (Portland) and Miri and Steve Oren (Los Angeles). Maya is an outstanding student at Robert Gray Middle School. She loves to hang out with her friends, dance, play basketball, and play softball. Maya has also had a strong connection to her Israeli roots from a young age. She loves her frequent summer trips to Israel, where she visits her extended family and friends. Maya took her love for Israel and her strength in philanthropy and raised $1800 to donate to KKL. While in Israel, she and family members planted 100 trees ($18/each) to fight desertification. It is a true pleasure to watch Maya grow into the amazing person she is becoming.

Noam Rosenthal – November 25

Noam is the son of Chantal and Eli Rosenthal, brother to Emma and Isaac, grandson to Shoshana and Harris z"l Rosenthal (Boston, MA), and Christiane Julhes and the late Norman Smith (Portland). Noam is a 7th-grader at Portland Jewish Academy and an extreme Camp Solomon Schechter camper. He is a Boston sports fanatic, and has some bold predictions for this year's football and basketball season! He loves to travel, play sports, tape, and hang out with friends and family. This weekend was selected for Noam's Bar Mitzvah because it would have been his grandfather Harris's 100th birthday. Unfortunately, he passed away two years ago, but he is here in spirit.

Jack Reynolds – December 16

Jack Reynolds is the son of Deborah Choyne Reynolds and Jason Reynolds, and older brother to Nate. He is the grandson of Leslie and Irwin Choyne (New York) and the late JoAnn and William Reynolds (California) (z"l). Jack is a 7th-grader at Portland Jewish Academy, where his favorite subjects are math and drama. Outside of school, Jack enjoys rowing crew and playing basketball with friends. Jack is a sweet and sensitive young man who is always willing to help out at home and in the community.

Israel Education is Jewish Education

By Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning

How do we teach Israel to children when Israel itself is such a divisive force among our own community? This was one of the questions dozens of Jewish educators from around the Pacific Northwest raised in July at a conference on Teaching Israel, hosted by Camp Solomon Schechter and featuring diverse speakers from Shalom Orzach (iCenter) to Rabbi Dana Benson (UW Hillel).

Shalom Orzach began the conference with the statement "Israel education IS Jewish education, and Jewish education IS Israel education. There is no way to separate them." Although at first I thought I could poke holes in that argument, the more I sat with it, the more true it seemed. Before this conference, if you had asked me how we teach Israel in our ALIYAH program, I would have pointed to the aspects of our curriculum that are explicitly about Israel, primarily in 3rd grade (when we compare Jewish holiday traditions at home and in Israel) and 11th grade (when we focus on Israel/American relations). But as I reflected on the more holistic view of the essential integration of Israel and Jewish life, I realized: *We do teach Israel in all that we do.*

Our kids learn from Israeli teachers and American teachers who have lived in Israel, learn Modern Hebrew along with Siddur Hebrew, focus on the mitzvah of *Ahavat Yisrael* (loving the Jewish people, who are named Israel) in Kindergarten, the history of the land of Israel through Torah stories in 2nd grade, focus on Israeli tzedakah organizations we've partnered with in 6th grade, celebrate Israeli-style holidays each year at Lag Ba'Omer, pray for peace for Israel each day in tefilah, and on and on, right up through Rabbi Kosak's Spiritual Life Skills with our 12th graders, focusing on civilized dialogue skills for talking about divisive politics, including Israel. Many of these curricular and staffing choices are entirely intentional (hiring Israeli teachers and teaching Modern Hebrew, for example)—and yet they also seem intrinsically integrated with our program. If we tried to remove Israel—its history and culture and language and people—from our school, we would literally have to reinvent everything, starting with our synagogue's siddurim. Jewish education is Israel education.

The name Yisrael was given to Jacob when he wrestled with God. As Dana Benson pointed out, in every relationship where there is love, there is also struggle. Israel is the name of the Jewish people as well as a land that claims our history, our love, our struggle, and our hope. It would be devastating (and wildly disproportioned) if we reduced our entire perspective of Israel to one or two decades out of the thousands of years of life and history and connection our people have in that place. When we keep a broad and holistic perspective, teaching about Israel seems much less controversial—it's simply and intrinsically a part of who we are and what we do.

One of our Israeli teachers, Oshra Rapaport, teaching 2nd grade.

Debbi Villani-Allen

Retiring After 30 Years of Bringing Heart and Soul to Our Congregation

By Jennifer Greenberg

During her workday break, Debbi Villani-Allen often puts on her sneakers and walks. When the weather is not conducive to being outside, she walks big laps through the building and the main sanctuary. When asked why she gravitates toward the sanctuary she says, "It is a sacred space. I like to be in that space and take the sacredness in. I walk past the memorial plaques; there are many names on there of people I have known. It brings back their memory, it is a chance to keep them in my thoughts and prayers. There have been lots of dear people [over the past 30 years]."

When Debbi first came to Neveh Shalom, she was a single mom looking for a job where she could balance her time and finish her bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry and counseling at Marylhurst. She comments, "I came here literally knowing nothing about Judaism, but I knew I could learn a lot and that it would be challenging and interesting." She was hired to be the secretary for Rabbi Stampfer, Cantor Shivers, co-executive directors, Sylvia Pearlman and Sheri Cordova, Preschool Director Leah Rubin, and the religious school. Despite this busy role, she did finish her school program.

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"Working closely with Rabbi Stampfer in my early days at CNS was so special to me. I did support work for him as the Senior Rabbi and also for his involvement and work with Camp Solomon Schechter, the Institute for Judaic Studies, the Oregon Jewish Museum (OJM), and the Society for Crypto Jews. It was so interesting. Rabbi Stampfer was an amazing man to work with and for – his ethics, morals, beliefs, strength, kindness and calmness under any kind of storm or pressure always impressed me. You could see that his teaching is in his soul, it radiates from there."

When Debbi started in 1988, Arnold Cogan was CNS President. When the comptroller position became open, Irv Potter was Board President and Alan Blank was the Treasurer. Debbi applied, got the job, and over time took on the title of Administrative Director as her duties expanded. She has been serving in this role ever since, seeing the congregation through a growing staff and vast changes in technology.

Rabbi Isaak has deemed her an "honorary Catholic Jew." Debbi remembers attending her first Jewish service. She remembers "hearing prayers in Hebrew and being so touched by that, it hit me at a very spiritual level. I never felt uncomfortable or out of place. "

Retirement for Debbi is bittersweet. "I am here because of the people I work with and the congregants I serve." She has brought her patience and warmth to every day of the job. "The bottom line is that the work is important, but the people are what makes it all come together," she says.

After retirement Debbi will spend time helping care for some of her other favorite people – her grandchildren. She is looking forward to travel, but even more so, after 30 years of being at Neveh Shalom at 9am, to spending time at home, relaxing with a cup of coffee in hand, reading a good book, or working on scrapbook projects.

Please join us at a party celebrating and wishing a farewell to Debbi on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30pm.

Israel360 Reaching Beyond the Ordinary to Obtain an Extraordinary All-Around View

by Debra Shein

One hundred years ago, on November 2, 1917, the British government issued the Balfour Declaration announcing its intent to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. At the time, American Jewish communities were divided on whether or not to support the Zionist cause, although under the leadership of Justice Louis D. Brandeis it was quickly gaining traction. The intervening century has seen the establishment of the Israeli state, and has witnessed the support of American Jews wax and then wane, not just because of debates concerning the Palestinian people and land acquired during the 1967 war, but because of mixed opinions concerning Israel's religious policies and other issues as well. Many tend to take "sides" in the debates dependent on political sympathies or affiliation. And yet, if we hope to better understand the situation and find solutions to the impasses of the present, we need to continually strive to expand our horizons and better understand others' points of view.

During the past year, Rabbi Kosak and a committee of CNS members with divergent opinions on current issues, have worked together to launch Israel360. As Rabbi Kosak related in a recent interview, the goal of this project is to provide "quality programming about Israel that truly examines it from 360 degrees" and to do what "seems almost treacherous in America today," which is to "transcend the taboos" and openly discuss everything that divides us so sharply in the debates. In order to provide a truly comprehensive view, events have been scheduled that focus on culture and the arts, as well as science, and are not limited to politics, "which is, of course, only one aspect of an amazing and dynamic country."

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Timna Rockman talks about the The Role of Ethics in the Israeli Defense Forces.

Rabbi Kosak believes that because "for most of Jewish history Israel has always been central to the Jewish imagination, it's impossible to be Jewish in any deep way without having some sort of grasp of Israel the ideal and Israel the real. And especially given the current nature of Israel-Diaspora relations, it's an extremely powerful way to understand who we are as American Jews and what motivates us." When asked why he personally was committed to the project of gaining a fuller understanding of Israel today, he noted that he has lived there for over three years in total, and spoke of some of the many positive ways it has impacted his life. He praised Israeli medicine and technology for giving him and his wife Laura their first son after five years of infertility and

Dr. Uri Shanas discusses the cross-border study of the Arava ecosystem shared by Jordan and Israel.

working with the best specialist in the U.S. to no avail. He also expressed an "eternal debt" to Israel for the care it provided to him after he was victimized by a terror attack at Hebrew University in 2002. Furthermore, he noted that the diversity of Jewish experience in Israel, including economic and cultural diversity as well as a variety of religious expression, has a lot to teach American Jews who often do not experience such a wide range of differences in their somewhat insular communities.

So far, Israel360 programming has included a fascinating and thought-provoking range of topics. One event featured a discussion with Loren Spielman, a faculty member in Judaic Studies at Portland State University, who spoke about the historical boundaries of Israel and the various border configurations considered in recent peace talks. In another, Elad Vazana, an Israeli educator who specializes in bringing together Palestinian and Israeli adults and youth, helped facilitate communication between those with varying views on Israel and its role in our lives. And in another, Israeli zoologist Dr. Uri Shanas focused on his cross-border study of the ecosystem of the Arava, shared by Jordan and Israel.

Israel360 is presently hosting a mini film series. The first film, *The Settlers* (which was shown on Oct. 22), jointly sponsored by CNS Men's Club, Israel360, CBI Brotherhood, Havurah Shalom, Kol Shalom and P'nai Or, provided a closeup view of life in West Bank "settlements." The second, *The Best Place on Earth* (Nov. 5), co-hosted by the Neveh Shalom Book Club, is adapted from a collection of short stories of the same name by Ayelet Tsabari featuring Israel's Mizrachi Jews. The third, *The Gatekeepers* (date has been postponed), is a documentary telling the story of Israel's secret service, the Shin Bet, from the perspective of six of its former chiefs. Additional future events are in the works. Possibilities include an exhibit of work by contemporary Israeli artists, an investigation of the halachic basis of "Land for Peace," a study of Kupot Holim (Israeli health insurance organizations) as a model of healthcare, a look at the status of the Right of Return for both Israelis and Palestinians, and a visit by the Israeli Consul General in San Francisco.

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The Israel360 steering committee is currently seeking additional members who would like to help plan events. All viewpoints are welcome. If you are interested, please get in touch with Rabbi Kosak, dkosak@nevehshalom.org.

Elad Vazana, an Israeli educator who specializes in bringing together Palestinian and Israeli adults and youth.

Making Aliyah to Israel – the Journey of Three Neveh Shalom Families

By Jenn Director Knudsen

Every year, thousands of American and Canadian Jews make *aliyah* to Israel. A number of Neveh Shalom's own are included in those statistics. Three CNS families who made *aliyah* in 2001, 2008, and 2012, share their reasons — similar and divergent — for making the Jewish homeland their own home, either temporarily or for the long haul.

The Zeff Family

Aliza Zeff, 41, was raised at Neveh Shalom. In 1999, Rabbi Stampfer and Rabbi Isaak — as well as cousin Joe Menashe and close friend Rabbi Robert Kahn — co-officiated her 1999 wedding to Todd Zeff.

Aliza, who is the daughter of George and Laurie Fendel, says, "At 18, I was the first person in my immediate family to visit Israel, and I fell in love immediately." But 12 years — and a career at a Philadelphia-based Jewish day school — went by before Aliza and Todd decided to make *aliyah*. They moved to Israel on August 13, 2012.

Aliza — now mother to Maya, 13, Joey, 11, Asher, 7, and Benny, 1 — says when an opportunity to move to Israel presented itself, she and Todd "knew pretty much right away that it was a good fit for us." Still, she admits, "I had more reservations (than Todd)."

By contrast, **Lisa Kama** wanted to live in Israel from age 16, when she participated in a summertime Young Judaea program. Her parents, Manny and Karen Berman, insisted she earn a bachelor's in the U.S. first. "So," she recalls, "I had to wait six years while I finished high school and completed my bachelor's." In 2001, she at last could call Israel home.

Lisa, married to Alon Kama and mom of Geffen, 9, and Mattan, 6, ticks off many reasons Israel "fit." "I loved not being a minority," she says. "I loved that my holidays were the holidays celebrated by everyone around me. I loved that the whole country shut down on Friday afternoons for Shabbat and that people were more informal, wearing more casual clothing, inviting home strangers they met in a café, and dropping in on someone without scheduling days in advance."

Robert Kahn — Aliza Zeff's good friend — says making *aliyah* was a dream come true. (Coincidentally, Robert and his wife, Camille, made *aliyah* August 13, 2008, exactly four years before Aliza did.)

Still, he strikes a sanguine tone about Israel. "Falling in love is not exactly how it works, since Israel is not paradise," says the son of Judith and Garry Kahn and father of three children, Avinoam, Dalya, and Elle. "It's a difficult place to live," he

The Kahn Family

Lisa and Alon Kama

continues. "Rather, making *aliyah* is a desire to do everything in our power to help the Jewish state, recognizing that we live in a unique historical time and shouldn't take anything for granted."

Robert says he and his family return to Portland and Seattle (Camille's home town) about once a year; he misses his native city and country. But, he says, he and his wife never considered returning full-time to the States. Rather, they hope to become grandparents in the Holy Land, and Robert's profession keeps him grounded there.

"As a guide and educator, I'm always in a position to share my passion and help people have a better appreciation of what's happening here in the last 69 years," Robert says in an email from home.

Lisa Kama, by contrast, did return to the States. In 2009, a job opportunity led the Kama family to settle in Pleasanton, California.

"When I made *aliyah*, my intention was to stay in Israel forever," Lisa says. "The decision to leave Israel was very difficult for me. I wanted to raise kids in Israel because I wanted them to grow up in a Jewish state. Not a day goes by that I don't think about what might have been."

Making a Move(ment):

The Conservative Movement in the US and Israel

By Eadie Kaltenbacher

A Jew is stranded on a desert island. When his rescuers arrive, they discover he has built two synagogues.

"You are only one man…why do you have two synagogues?"

"This one here: this is the one where I would wrap tefillin, observe holidays, and pray for my rescue."

"And the other one?"

"That's the one I don't step foot in!"

This old joke speaks to a larger truth: many Jewish people feel very strongly about the movement with which they choose to affiliate. But what does being part of the Conservative movement really mean, and how is that different in the US and Israel? I spoke with Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning, to gain a better understanding. Mel explained that in the US, the Conservative movement was formed as an offshoot of the Reform movement, which had shed many of the traditional practices of Orthodoxy. The Conservative movement strives to re-integrate more tradition, but with consideration for the greater American mosaic of which we are a part. The USCJ website emphasizes the phrase "authentic and dynamic" to capture the spirit of Conservatism.

התנועה המסורתית
The Masorti Movement

This Conservative movement consists of almost 600 congregations in North America with a budget of more than $30 million. In contrast, Mel told me that the Israeli Masorti movement sprung out of the gap left between the two main categories: Orthodox and secular (Hiloni). Since Jewish culture permeates the Israeli lifestyle, it is easy to consider oneself "secular" yet still practice many Jewish observances and be a part of a Jewish community. Most non-Orthodox Jews consider themselves secular in Israel. The Masorti movement aims to reach a middle ground: a non-fundamentalist yet formal organization.

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In Israel, the Masorti movement struggles with the stigma of being considered somehow less Jewish than Orthodoxy. The Masorti organization works to educate Israelis about their goals of a "pluralistic, egalitarian, inclusive approach to living a Jewish life in Israel." However, one-third of current Masorti members have a North American background, indicating that the movement has not been fully embraced by native-born Israelis.

One discrepancy of Israeli law is that religious institutes receive major funding from the State – but these funds are limited to Orthodox organizations. The Masorti movement receives minimal public funding, and has a budget of $2.5 million supporting about 70 kehillot (congregations).

These and other features of Conservative Judaism were the subject of a recent class taught by Mel Berwin, *Conservative Judaism Explained*. She offers this class each fall.

As a final thought, I'd like to offer these questions for your consideration: What is your view of Conservative Judaism? What is the meaning of the Conservative movement to you?

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Mazel tov to Susannah Dickerson, daughter of **JoAnn & Chris Bezodis**, on being a recipient of the Brazelton Scholarship for International Studies. Susannah and her brother, Stephen Dickerson, departed on August 29 for Jerusalem, Israel and both are studying at the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University until June 2018. Their parents couldn't be more proud of both of them!

We are excited to share the news that Rachel and Jason Nelson welcomed new baby girl, **Noa Leora Nelson**, on September 20, 2017! Mom, Dad, Noa and proud grandparents **Fred and Nora Rothstein**, are all doing well and enjoying getting to know each other.

Mazel Tov to Martha Izenson on passing the Oregon State Bar.

Mazel Tov to Jake Kryszek on his 99th birthday! This picture shows Jake and Rabbi Stampfer at Jake's birthday party.

Mazel Tov to CNS members who were involved in the *Taste of Art* and *Celebration of Art* happenings on October 28-29 at the MJCC: **Sharon Segal, Jonathan Lietz, Jane Means, Eddy Shuldman, Esther Liberman, Glenn Decherd, Martha Decherd, Ros Kane, Julia Waco, and young adult-artists, Talia Valdez, Edith Crever, and Ethan Gilbert.**

Mazel Tov to Adam and Megan Chusid on the birth of their first child, **Charlotte Bea Chusid**, born on August 26, 2017 in San Francisco. Charlotte is adored by her grandparents, **Norman and Kathy Chusid** and **Nick and Meg Florio** of New York.

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

Our condolences to Leah Conley, Director of Foundation School, on the passing of her beloved grandmother, **Reva Kerker, z"l.**

Our condolences to Marlene Abrams on the passing of her dear sister-in-law**, Gloria Abrams, z"l**

Our condolences to Naomi Leavitt, whose beloved grandmother passed away at the age of 97 on Wednesday, September 27 in the Netherlands. She was the grandmother of **Naomi (Scot)** and the great-grandmother of **Isabella & Abigail Leavitt**. "Oma Chris" was a blessing.

We regret having to inform you of the passing of our dear congregant, Jack Lakefish (z"l), dear father of **Baruch Bashan and Randall Lakefish.** Jack passed away on Yom Kippur day.....also his 100th birthday.

Our condolences to Sheri Cordova on the passing of her beloved aunt, **Elaine Stein Golden, z"l**. Elaine and "Hi" (Hillard) were longtime members of Neveh Shalom before moving to Seattle.

Mazel Tov to congregant Steven Goldsmith on the opening of his new Oregon Kosher certified food cart, *Holy Smokes Righteous Eats,* on SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy.

Join Rabbi Stampfer for his 3rd Bar Mitzvah

On Shabbat Hanukah morning, December16, 2017, Rabbi Joshua Stampfer will celebrate his third Bar Mitzvah when he reaches the age of 96. (The three Bar Mitzvah's are at the ages of 13, 83 and now 96). He will chant the Haftorah and deliver a revised Bar Mitzvah speech. The congregation is invited to share in this festive occasion.

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Award-Winning Journalist Visits Neveh Shalom

Neveh Shalom and the entire Suher family announce the second annual Scholar-in-Residence program in memory of Yoni Suher, who died in a terrorist attack in Turkey in March, 2016. Join us December 8-10 for an inspirational weekend with Amir Tibon, award-winning journalist and Washington DC correspondent for the Israeli newspaper, *Ha'aretz*. His writings on Israel and the region have appeared in T*he Atlantic, Foreign Affairs, The New Yorker, Politico Magazine, The New Republic* and other leading US publications. For more information, contact the office at: 503.246.8831.

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An Opportunity Awaits You ~ *By Sarah Elianna Rohr*

In Judaism, we have a blessing for everything – the food that we eat, the organs that digest our food, the earth from which that food is sourced.

We also have a ritual for everything. Anything can be sanctified:

- You broke up with your significant other?
- You just turned 70 and want a sacred space to celebrate?
- You had a miscarriage and need to be held in a healing manner?
- A family member passed away and you need a place to honor and connect to your grief?

All of these scenarios and every major threshold event you would like to consecrate with a ritual action have a place, not only within our synagogues or our homes, but also now, in Portland, at **Rachel's Well Community Mikvah.** The Mikvah has become a reality thanks to the tireless efforts of many – the Jewish Federation of Portland, the Oregon Board of Rabbis, Caron Blau Rothstein, Rabbi Tzvi Fischer, Sarah Evans, Naomi Malka and Ronnie Malka. The Federation owns and operates the Mikvah, and it is accepting tax-deductible donations which are still needed.

More about our Mikvah!

Rachel's Well is located next to the Mittleman Jewish Community Center off of SW Capitol Hwy, with its own parking lot and building entrance. The Mikvah has a simple yet elegant design, with special attention to the details that enhance user experience. For example, for those with mobility issues, a chairlift can be brought into the space.

When you come to experience the Mikvah, you will be escorted by a trained Mikvah guide. The guide will walk you through all of the protocols and will be by your side if you need a witness or accompaniment. Or, if you prefer to be left on your own, they will attend to the space surrounding your experience. There are suggested donations but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Various types of memberships are also available.

The Mikvah is our tradition's inclusive technology that allows you to literally get naked and connect with the *echad v' echad*. It's not an ordinary bathtub. All of the *kavanah* (intention) which created it, and all of the rituals and ceremonies

that will fill it with that presence of awe and wonder, make it a haven for you to come to and rest in.

Rabbi Fischer (Orthodox affiliation), who is overseeing Rachel's Well, states, "No one identifying as Jewish can make this Mikvah unkosher." I translate that to mean that all who identify as Jewish are welcome in Rachel's Well Mikvah to be sanctified, uplifted, cradled, and nourished by the *mayim chayim* (the waters of life).

I was an attendee at the Mikvah guide training, and I heard it said that "All living bodies of water are kosher – oceans, rivers, lakes, streams – water is life and water is holy."

To reserve your space or for more information, please visit: ***www.jewishportland.org/ourcommunity/rachels-well-portland-mikvah.***

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CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
For **ALIYAH/TICHON** schedule, please visit: nevehshalom.org/aliyah-k-6 or nevehshalom.org/aliyah-7-12	For **Foundation School** schedule, please visit: foundationschoolpdx.org		**1** 12 cheshvan **7:15am Morning Minyan** **4:00pm** Wise Aging Class **6:30pm** Giving Care and Caring for Ourselves **7:00pm** Between the Lines - Voices of Israel: Stories Untold	**2** 13 cheshvan **See below**	**3** 14 cheshvan **5:35pm** **7:15am Morning Minyan** **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat with Ilene Safyan	**4** 15 cheshvan **6:42pm** **Mason Johnson's Bar Mitzvah** **9:00am Shabbat Services** **10:00am** Torah Troop **10:15am** Tot Shabbat **10:15am** Kiddush Club ***Vayera***
5 16 cheshvan **9:00am Morning Minyan** **10:00am** Michnah Berurah Class 11:15am Ritual Committee 4:00pm Pages and Pixels	**6** 17 cheshvan **7:15am Morning Minyan** **7:00pm** Never Again Coalition **7:15pm** Koleinu Rehersal	**7** 18 cheshvan **7:15am Morning Minyan** **5:00pm** Talmud Class **6:15pm** Art of Jewish Storytelling **7:00pm** Machon Ivrit	**8** 19 cheshvan **7:15am Morning Minyan** **4:00pm** Wise Aging Class **6:15pm** Membership Committee	**9** 20 cheshvan **See below**	**10** 21 cheshvan **4:26pm** **7:15am Morning Minyan** **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat w/ 3rd-6th ALIYAH Class	**11** 22 cheshvan **5:33pm** **9:00am Combined Shabbat Services** **12:30pm** Women's Torah Study VETERANS DAY CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY ***Chayeh Sarah***
12 23 cheshvan **9:00am Morning Minyan** **10:00am** Michnah Berurah Class 10:00am Men's Club 12:00pm Outside In Cooking 2:00pm Shroud Crowd	**13** 24 cheshvan **7:15am Morning Minyan** **7:15pm** Koleinu Rehersal	**14** 25 cheshvan **7:15am Morning Minyan** **2:00pm** Wondering Jews **5:00pm** Talmud Class **6:15pm** Art of Jewish Storytelling **7:00pm** Machon Ivrit	**15** 26 cheshvan **7:15am Morning Minyan** **4:00pm** Wise Aging Class	**16** 27 cheshvan **See below**	**17** 28 cheshvan **4:19pm** **7:15am Morning Minyan** **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat	**18** 29 cheshvan **5:26pm** **Maya Malka's Bat Mitzvah** **9:00am Shabbat Services** **10:00am** Torah Troop **10:15am** Tot Shabbat **10:15am** Kiddush Club ***Toldot***
19 1 kislev **9:00am Morning Minyan** **10:00am** Michnah Berurah Class **11:00am** Unveiling for Marlene Davis, z"l, AS **ROSH CHODESH**	**20** 2 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **7:15pm** Koleinu Rehersal	**21** 3 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **5:00pm** Talmud Class **6:15pm** Art of Jewish Storytelling	**22** 4 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan**	**23** 5 kislev **OFFICE CLOSED** **9:00am Morning Minyan** THANKSGIVING DAY	**24** 6 kislev **4:14pm** **OFFICE CLOSED** **9:00am Morning Minyan** **5:15pm** 4th Friday w/ R. Eve **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat	**25** 7 kislev **5:21pm** **Noam Rosenthal's Bar Mitzvah** **9:00am Shabbat Services** **9:30am** Downstairs Minyan ***Vayetze***
26 8 kislev **9:00am Morning Minyan**	**27** 9 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **7:15pm** Koleinu Rehersal	**28** 10 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **5:00pm** Talmud Class **6:15pm** Art of Jewish Storytelling **7:00pm** Machon Ivrit	**29** 11 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **4:00pm** Wise Aging Class	**30** 12 kislev **See below**	**DECEMBER** S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

Nov 2 - **7:15am Morning Minyan**, **10:00am R. Isaak Class**, **11:00am R. Stampfer Class**, **3:15pm** Bible Class R. Isaak, 6:00pm Community Enrichment Award Dinner, **6:30pm** Hebrew for Prayer, 7:00pm Executive Committee, **7:30pm** Meditations of the Heart, **7:35pm** Siddur Basics; **Nov 9** – **7:15am Morning Minyan**, **8:00am Building & Grounds**, **10:00am R. Isaak Class**, **11:00am R. Stampfer Class**, **3:00pm Nosh & Drash**, **3:15pm** Bible Class R. Isaak, **6:30pm** Hebrew for Prayer, **7:00pm Israel360**, **7:00pm** Sisterhood Board, **7:30pm** Meditations of the Heart, **7:35pm** Siddur Basics; **Nov 16** – **7:15am Morning Minyan**, **10:00am R. Isaak Class**, **11:00am R. Stampfer Class**, **3:15pm** Bible Class R. Isaak, 6:30pm Debbi Vallini-Allen's Retirement Party, **6:30pm** Hebrew for Prayer, 7:00pm Board of Directors, **7:30pm** Meditations of the Heart, **7:35pm** Siddur Basics; **Nov 30** – **7:15am Morning Minyan**, **10:00am R. Isaak Class**, **11:00am R. Stampfer Class**, **3:15pm** Bible Class R. Isaak, **6:30pm** Hebrew for Prayer, **7:30pm** Meditations of the Heart, **7:35pm** Siddur Basics

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, Room 111
Weekly learning and discussion with Rabbi Emeritus, Daniel Isaak. Free.

Wise Aging: A Book Group with Rav D
Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 29 - 4:00-5:15pm, $36 includes books and materials, Room 111
This mini-course is for anyone who is aging, has someone they care about who is aging, or thinks they might grow old themselves! We'll be using the book "Wise Aging" by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. $36 includes book and materials. RSVP: 503.246.8831; kwilkins@nevehshalom.org.

Giving Care and Caring for Ourselves: A Series on Rituals & Resources for End of Life
Wed, Nov 1 & Dec 6, 6:30-8:00pm, Rm 111
We all experience the death of loved ones, but we often don't prepare for that eventuality in the way we prepare for other major life events. In this series, we explore Jewish end-of-life traditions that provide spiritual, logistical, and ethical frameworks for walking through the process of grief. **Nov:** JoAnn Bezodis: *Shalom for the Soul: Spiritual Strategies for Coping with Grief*. **Dec:** Sandy Axel: *Demystifying the Sacred Work of the Chevra Kadisha*. For more info: jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

Between the Lines - Voices of Israel: Stories Untold - Free
Wed, Nov 1, 7:15pm, Stampfer Chapel
Learn about the life stories of two inspiring young Israelis, Udi and Shiri – their struggles, success, military service and hopes and dreams.

Stampfer Community Enrichment Award: In Celebration of Tzedakah
Thursday, Nov 2, 6:00 pm, Birnbach Hall
Please join us for the 2017 Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Community Enrichment Award Dinner honoring: Dr. Jill Ginsberg, Tracy Oseran and Sharon Straus. meverett@nevehshalom.org.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Ilene Safyan
Fridays: Nov 3, Dec 1, 6:15pm
Join us for this special Kabbalat Shabbat accompanied by Ilene Safyan on guitar. New melodies are intermixed with congregational favorites. It's a wonderful way to welcome Shabbat.

Meditations of the Heart
Thurs: Nov 2, 9, 16 & 30, 7:30pm
Sarah Rohr guides you through physical movements and practices to explore your heartfelt prayers. Open to all! $10 sliding scale, a portion of the proceeds will benefit ALIYAH. More info: sarah.e.rohr36@gmail.com.

Adventures with the Mishna Berurah: A Course in Jewish Literacy
Every Sunday starting Nov. 5, 10:00 -11:15am, FREE - Rooms 103-105
Why do Jews do what we do? Where do our practices come from if they are not explicitly from the Torah? What are Shabbat or daily practices that might enrich our lives? The Mishnah Berurah, is the last generally accepted code of Jewish law and custom. We will explore the theory and practice of halakhah (Jewish law) for beginners to advanced students. RSVP: kwilkins@nevehshalom.org.

The Feldstein Library and Israel360 presents: Pages and Pixels: Book and Film Discussion
Sunday, November 5, 4:00pm, Room 102
Love to read, watch films and make new friends? This month we are reading *The Best Place on Earth* by Ayelet Tsabari and viewing the documentary "Dimona Twist" (2017). For more information, email: kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org.

Learn the Art of Jewish Storytelling
Tuesdays: November 7-December 12 & January 9-23, 6:15-8:15pm
You are invited to learn the art of Jewish storytelling with professional storyteller Brian Rohr. In this nine class course, Brian will teach the art and skill of performative storytelling, exploring the ancient stories, personal narrative and techniques on how to discover your own unique storytelling voice. Tuition for the three month course is: $150 CNS members / $200 Non-members. To register, contact JoAnn Bezodis at: jbezodis@nevehshalom.org, 503.293.7309. Community Performance on Tuesday, Jan 30, 7pm.

Men's Club Get Together - The Westgate
Thursday, Nov 9, 6:00pm, 3800 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton OR 97005
Come eat, kibbitz, network and enjoy! Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend! Space is limited so please RSVP: elovitzclan@comcast.net. This event is Co-Ed, so everyone is welcome!

Volunteer's Needed for Veteran's Day
Friday, November 10, 10:00am, Ahavai Shalom
Volunteers are needed to help place flags on veterans' graves in preparation for the observance of Veteran's Day. We meet at Ahavai Shalom cemetery and then we'll move on to Neveh Zedek cemetery. Dress for the weather (bring an umbrella if it is raining) and wear sturdy shoes. For more information, contact Sandy Axel at 503-709-0080 or sandyaxel@msn.com.

Women's Torah Study
Saturday, Nov 11, Dec 9 & 23, 12:30pm
Room 111 Join Mel Berwin for an uplifting learning and conversation—all levels welcome! Free.

Debbi Vallini-Allen's Retirement Party
Thurs, Nov 16, 6:30pm, Birnbach Hall
Please join us for wine, cheese and memories as we celebrate 30+ years of service and say goodbye to Debbi.

Sisterhood Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Torah Fund Event
Sunday, December 3, #:##pm
Please join the Sisterhood along with Rabbi Kosak and Cantor Bitton for this fundraiser for the Torah fund. More details: coprez22@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Mitzvah Project
Sunday, Dec 10, #:##pm
Please join the Sisterhood for a special mitzvah project. More details: coprez22@gmail.com.

Please note: programs are subject to change, please contact the office for mo

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Neveh Shalom For These Great Programs!

All Congregation Chanukah Party
Thursday, December 14, 6:00pm – 8:30pm
Celebrate the festival of lights with your congregational friends. Bring your own chanukiah to light and bring toilet paper to make a giant chanukia and support Neighborhood House. Birnbach Hall. Dinner: $18/adult, $12/kids, $54 Family Max. RSVP: tinyurl.com/cnschanukah2017.

Sisterhood Vodka and Latkes
Sunday, Dec 17, #:##pm
Please join the Sisterhood for an evening of vodka, latkes and Chanukah celebrations! More details: coprez22@gmail.com.

Songs to Warm a Winter's Night! A Night of Music with Ilene Safyan and Barry Lavine - Sunday, Dec 17, 7:00pm, Stampfer Chapel
Join us for a memorable evening of music that will touch your soul and soothe your heart while indulging in fine wines and scrumptious desserts. $36 per person. For tickets, please visit: *tinyurl.com/nightofmusic2017*

Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Eve Posen
Thurs, Nov 9, Dec 14, 3:00pm, MJCC
Nov: Pirkei Imahot Talk with Lois Shanker
Dec: A Jewish Perspective on Dying with Dignity. Free & open to all.

Young Family & Youth

Young Family Tot Shabbat (0-5 years)
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15am
Zidell Chapel Join other young families for singing, dancing, stories, indoor picnic-style lunch and Shabbat fun.

Kiddush Club for K-2nd Graders
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15am
Room 19. 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 for the beginning of the Torah service, and then come out 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!

Fourth Fridays with Rabbi Eve
Friday, Nov 24, Dec 22, 5:15pm
Rabbi Eve welcomes Shabbat with music and stories, potluck dinner to follow. *Contact Rabbi Eve for location:* eposen@nevehshalom.org. Co-sponsored by PJ Library.

PJ Havdallah (ages 0-5)
Saturday, Dec 9, 5:30pm, Birnbach Hall
Join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat in our PJs. For families with children ages 0-5. We'll have dinner, stories, art and a whole lot of fun. $5 per person. Co-sponsored by PJ Library. RSVP at: nevehshalom.org/pjhavdallah

Celebrate Chanukah! A Festival for Kids and Families
December 17, 9:30am-Noon
Create a menorah, make sufganiyot, play dreidel, dance and sing, story time, play area. All are welcome (ages 0-12 and parents), FREE and no RSVP required. Co-sponsored by PJ Library. For more info call: 503.246.8831.

Lend a Hand

The Shroud Crowd Meeting
Sunday, Nov 12, Dec 17, 2:00-4:00pm, Rm 102 Help create traditional burial clothing which will then be used by the *Chevra Kavod haMet* for their work. Contact Sandy Axel: sandyaxel@msn.com.

Never Again Coalition Monthly Meeting
Mondays: Nov 6 & Dec 4, 7:00pm
Nov: Neveh Shalom; **Dec:** ??????????

Cooking for Outside In
Sunday, Nov 12, Dec 10, 12:00-2:00pm
Meet in the CNS Kitchen to do a mitzvah and help feed homeless teens. Info: Rick Botney, 8888octopus8888@gmail.com.

Soup to the Streets
Sunday, Dec 10, 5:00pm
Soup to the Streets is a special initiative by Rabbi Kosak. During the winter months, when the need for food and shelter amongst Portland's homeless community is the greatest, congregants come together at Rabbi's house, prepare a hot meal and go to the streets to directly feed those that need it the most. RSVP: kwilkins@nevehshalom.org.

Scholar in Residence with Guest Scholar Amir Tibon

December 8- 10

Neveh Shalom and the Suher family announce the second annual Scholar in Residence program in memory of Yoni Suher, who died in a terrorist attack in Turkey in March, 2016. Join us for an inspirational weekend with Amir Tibon, award-winning journalist and Washington DC correspondent for the Israeli newspaper, *Ha'aretz*. His writings on Israel and the region have appeared in *The Atlantic, Foreign Affairs, The New Yorker, Politico Magazine, The New Republic* and other leading U.S. publications. For more information, contact the office at: 503.246.8831.

Unveilings

Unveiling for Marlene Davis, z"l
Sunday, November 19, 11:00am, Ahavai Shalom Cemetery

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3 — 15 kislev **9:00am Morning Minyan** **10:00am** Michnah Berurah Class #:##pm Sisterhoods Wine, Cheese and Chocolate	4 — 16 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **7:15pm** Koleinu Rehersal	5 — 17 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **5:00pm** Talmud Class **6:15pm** Art of Jewish Storytelling **7:00pm** Machon Ivrit	6 — 18 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **6:30pm** Giving Care and Caring for Ourselves	7 — 19 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **10:00am** R. Isaak Class **11:00am** R. Stampfer Class **3:15pm** Bible Class R. Isaak **6:30pm** Hebrew for Prayer **7:00pm** Executive Committee **7:35pm** Siddur Basics	8 — 20 kislev **4:09pm** **Scholar-in-Residence - Amir Tibon** **7:15am Morning Minyan** **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat w/ K-6th ALIYAH Class	9 — 21 kislev **5:17pm** **Scholar-in-Residence - Amir Tibon** **9:00am Combined Shabbat Services** **12:30pm** Women's Torah Study ***Vayeshev***
10 — 22 kislev **Scholar-in-Residence** **9:00am Morning Minyan** **9:30am** Hygiene Kit Assembly **10:00am** Michnah Berurah Class 12:00pm Outside In Cooking #:##pm Sisterhood Mitzvah Project	11 — 23 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **7:15pm** Koleinu Rehersal	12 — 24 kislev **See below** **EREV HANUKKAH**	13 — 25 kislev **7:15am Morning Minyan** **HANUKKAH**	14 — 26 kislev **See below** **HANUKKAH**	15 — 27 kislev **4:10pm** **7:15am Morning Minyan** **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat **HANUKKAH**	16 — 28 kislev **5:18pm** **Jack Reynolds' Bar Mitzvah** **9:00am Shabbat Services** **10:00am** Torah Troop **10:15am** Tot Shabbat **10:15am** Kiddush Club ***Miketz*** **HANUKKAH**
17 — 29 kislev **See below** **HANUKKAH**	18 — 30 kislev **7:00am Morning Minyan** **ROSH CHODESH** **HANUKKAH**	19 — 1 tevet **7:00am Morning Minyan** **5:00pm** Talmud Class **HANUKKAH**	20 — 2 tevet **7:15am Morning Minyan** **HANUKKAH**	21 — 3 tevet **7:15am Morning Minyan** **10:00am R. Isaak Class** **11:00am R. Stampfer Class** **3:15pm** Bible Class R. Isaak **6:30pm** Hebrew for Prayer **7:00pm** Board of Directors **7:35pm** Siddur Basics	22 — 4 tevet **4:13pm** **7:15am Morning Minyan** **5:15pm** 4th Friday w/ R. Eve **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat	23 — 5 tevet **5:21pm** **9:00am Combined Shabbat Services** **12:30pm** Women's Torah Study ***Vayigash***
24 — 6 tevet **9:00am Morning Minyan**	25 — 7 tevet OFFICE CLOSED **9:00am Morning Minyan** CHRISTMAS DAY	26 — 8 tevet **7:00am Morning Minyan** **5:00pm** Talmud Class	27 — 9 tevet **7:15am Morning Minyan**	28 — 10 tevet **7:15am Morning Minyan** **10:00am** Cemerery Committee **3:15pm** Bible Class R. Isaak **6:30pm** Hebrew for Prayer **7:35pm** Siddur Basics	29 — 11 tevet **4:18pm** **7:15am Morning Minyan** **6:15pm** Kabbalat Shabbat	30 — 12 tevet **5:27pm** **9:00am Combined Shabbat Services** ***Vayechi***
31 — 13 tevet **9:00am Morning Minyan**						

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DEBBI VILLANI-ALLEN'S RETIREMENT

PARTY

A CELEBRATION OF 30+ YEARS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 6:30-8PM

WITH WINE, DESSERT AND MEMORIES

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Lifelong Learning at Congregation Neveh Shalom

LEARN THE ART OF JEWISH STORYTELLING

WITH STORYTELLER BRIAN ROHR

Tuesdays: November 7-December 12 and January 9-23, 6:15-8:15pm

TUITION FOR THE THREE MONTH COURSE WILL IS:
$150 CNS MEMBERS / $200 NON-MEMBERS.
TO REGISTER, CONTACT: JBEZODIS@NEVEHSHALOM.ORG

More info at: www.nevehshalom.org/learn-art-jewish-storytelling

CNS CHANUKAH PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:00PM – 8:30PM

- Bring toilet paper to help build a TP chanukiah for Neighborhood House
- Bring your own chanukiah to light
- Dinner: $18/adult, $12/kids, $54 Family Max. RSVP: tinyurl.com/cnschanukah2017

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NEVEH SHALOM PRESENTS:
SONGS TO WARM A WINTER'S NIGHT
A NIGHT OF MUSIC WITH
ILENE SAFYAN & BARRY LAVINE
DECEMBER 17 AT 7PM
WINE AND DESSERT
STAMPFER CHAPEL
$36 - TINYURL.COM/NIGHTOFMUSIC2017
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NEVEH SHALOM, ISRAEL360 AND
THE SUHER FAMILY PRESENT

AMIR TIBON

AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST AND
WASHINGTON DC CORRESPONDENT

December 8-10

2nd Annual Scholar-in-Residence

in memory of Yoni Suher, who died in a terrorist attack in Turkey in March, 2016

FRIDAY, DEC 8 | 7:30PM | STAMPFER CHAPEL
DINNER & TALK "THE FUTURE OF THE KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT IN ISRAEL - A PERSONAL REFLECTION"

SATURDAY, DEC 9 | 9AM | MAIN SANCTUARY
SHABBAT SERVICES DRASH
"WHY ISRAEL SUPPORTS KURDISH INDEPENDENCE"

HAVDALLAH | 7PM | STAMPFER CHAPEL
"ISRAEL AND THE ARAB WORLD - THE SECRET ALLIANCE"

SUNDAY, DEC 10 | 10AM | BIRNBACH HALL | BRUNCH
"AN ISRAELI JOURNALIST'S PERSPECTIVE ON COVERING TRUMP'S WASHINGTON"

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TEAM CNS 2018 AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE!

SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT AND JOIN US ON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

6PM – 10PM

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

COCKTAILS AND DINNER | SURPRISE GUESTS

Questions? Contact *Daniela Meltzer*

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