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Rabbi Stampfer Community Enrichment Award



Mazel Tov to Gary and Carolyn Weinstein, this year's honorees at the Rabbi Stampfer Community Enrichment Award Dinner. Other honorees include the Rabbi Stampfer Interfaith Awardee: Reverend Dr. Rodney Page and the Merritt Linn Community Enrichment Youth Recognition Program Awardees: Noa Cohen of Cong. Shaarie Torah, Maude Elovitz of Cong. Neveh Shalom/USY, Samantha Safirstein of Cong. Beth Israel/NIFTY, Derek Song of OJCYF (nominated through OJCYF and a CNS member).



New Sandbox

The Men's Club of CNS, Foundation School parents and ALIYAH parents all came together to build a brand new sandbox in our courtyard. *Today rabah* (thank you very much) to everyone who helped out.



Foundation School Thanksgiving

Morah Leah, Morah Justin, Rabbi Kosak and Rabbi Posen led a group stretch at the Foundation School Thanksgiving Program.

TICHON Interfaith Dialogue

Our 10th grade TICHON comparative religion students met with youth from Bilal Mosque in mid-November. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to welcome our friends from Bilal and for our youth to discuss and compare their experiences of being Jewish and Muslim in Portland.



And That Has Made All the Difference

By Rabbi David Kosak

The first poem I had to memorize for school was Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken*. Perhaps you remember its first line, "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood." In short order, it tells the story of a person on a journey and uncertain which path to take. Looking at the options, the narrator understands how that single choice will irrevocably change everything that follows.

This is one of those truisms of life that can drive you a bit *meshugeh* if you think about it too much. After all, foresight is pretty hard to come by. I'd like to believe that most of us make the best choices we can from the options available to us using the best knowledge we have at the time. We try to eat healthy foods and exercise so we can feel better now and tomorrow. We work hard in school so that we will have more work options in years to come and feel proud about our current accomplishments. We endeavor to act ethically so that we minimize the harm we cause to those around us and can sleep with a clear conscience.

Thinking about the poem, I remembered that although we may not be able to predict the future, we have more ability to think about the many choices we've made that have brought us to this present moment. At a recent new member brunch at the synagogue, congregants discussed what brought them to join Neveh Shalom. For some, their Jewish identity was never a question mark, and our congregational family offered the right mix of community, programming and education for their family needs. Others got here by more indirect ways,



Rabbi Kosak giving a talk during his "Walking Our Talk: A Musar Meandering" this past November.

having grown up in Ethiopia or towns with only one other Jewish friend. A few of us, myself included, had to separate from the Jewish community for some period of years to discover a way back.



Being able to think about our history in this way is a rather special gift. We may not know which way the paths in front of us will lead. If we exert some effort, though, we can better understand how we got to where we are.

This edition of the Chronicle features an overarching theme-- "Our Footprint." That seems an appropriate notion as we near the season of Tu B'Shvat which traditionally marks the birthday of the trees. In recent decades, this has become a Jewish way of recognizing environmental concerns.

It also reminds us that footprints provide us with an intriguing biography of what was, in the hope that this knowledge can change what might yet be. Who as a child wasn't fascinated by dinosaur footprints and other fossil remains and wasn't left wondering why the dinosaurs disappeared? This same curiosity drove an art project at Beth El Synagogue Center's pre-school in New Rochelle, NY where my kids and I pressed our heels into plaster of paris to create a mold. Those footprints were mounted on the wall where they remain a reminder of our time there.

Judaism's commitment to introspection and *teshuvah* reflects our belief in the ecology of the soul and the permanent marks our actions leave in the world. If you are a hiker, you may know how Chief Seattle's statement, "Take nothing but memories, leave nothing but footprints" became the camper's adage.

Whether we want to or not, we all leave footprints. Mitch Albom, in his best-seller, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, wrote, "It is because the human spirit knows, deep down, that all lives intersect. That death doesn't just take someone, it misses someone else, and in the small distance between being taken and being missed, lives are changed."

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Exploring the Future

By Rabbi Eve Posen

Just because the winter rains hit doesn't mean you have to stop exploring. We're still relatively new to Portland, but we learned that lesson quickly. Even within the walls of the synagogue you'll find new places and ways to explore all the time, and this period between major holidays is the perfect opportunity.

For the younger generation, CNS is full of physical exploration. It's a big place to a little explorer. If you ask anyone who grew up here at CNS, they'll tell you that one of the best hiding and playing spaces in the building is under the stairs outside Birnbach Hall. It's a cozy hideaway where you can hear the activity happening nearby, and yet you're somewhat secluded. This is one of Shiri's favorite spots to go with friends after services, and it's a clear sign that our environment at CNS is one where our children feel at home exploring.

Of course our synagogue is just one of the environments in which our children and adults can explore and navigate their Judaism. One of the best environments for our exploration is the great outdoors, especially in the Pacific Northwest. There is something magical about standing outside in the rain and saying the blessing for the rainbow that has just appeared.

There are also explorations that are less physical and more emotional. For children and adults alike, that might mean exploring new friendships and relationships. How well do you really know the people you see on a monthly or yearly basis? Winter is great time to rediscover community ties and get reacquainted.

Then there is my favorite exploration of all, that of our religion itself. Torah study, continuing education programming, Aliyah, daily minyan – these are just some of the regular opportunities



that keep our shul buzzing with activity. And no matter how many times I hear (or give) *d'verei Torah* on the same *parshiyot* year after year, I love nothing more than learning something new each time.

With all types of exploration in mind, **I'm excited to announce our first family retreat at Camp Solomon Schechter** in Olympia, Washington. It's the perfect way to combine exploration of spaces (both indoors and out), friendships, and Judaism. **This two-night trip is designed for families with children ages 0 through 2nd grade the weekend of April 28-30, 2017.** Together we will enjoy bringing in and celebrating Shabbat as a community, enjoying our natural surroundings, sharing meals, and having fun with each other. Contact me to reserve spots for your family or if you have any questions. This promises to be an experience that enlivens your Judaism and brightens your soul. RSVP: tinyurl.com/CNSFamilyCamp2017

Rabbi David Kosak *continued from page 3*

Whether we are discussing our carbon footprints or the imprint our acts of kindness leave on the world, we struggle to grasp how essential our every act is. I suspect that we would feel overwhelmed if we always held that simple and impossible truth in the center of our field of vision.

We may never be able to unravel the full biography of our impact on the world, but we shouldn't therefore imagine that our acts don't matter. In a very deep way, nothing in life is random. I hope you will enjoy these stories of footprints. Most importantly, I pray you will not forget how significant we all are.

Warmth and blessings,
Rav D

President's Corner

Stephen Blake

Tu B'Shvat, a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, is often called the birthday of the trees. It helped farmers mark the age of their trees and when they would have to begin tithing based on their harvest. Jewish mystics in the Middle Ages saw it as a link to the land of Israel and those same mystics in Safed began the tradition of a Tu B'Shvat Seder. Some modern day Jews see a link between Tu B'Shvat and the environment. It has become a day of commitment to protecting the environment. Judaism teaches that the earth is the Creator's, and that we are to be partners and co-workers with God in preserving our planet and its resources. As Jews we have a moral and an ethical obligation to protect the earth.



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Tu B'Shvat is an opportunity for us to bring this often unheralded holiday into our lives not only on the day of its celebration but in other ways as well. Perhaps it is a day to take a walk, truly notice the trees around you and appreciate the environment and wonders of nature. Perhaps this is the year to plant a vegetable garden, or a fruit tree, tend it and benefit from its bounty. Perhaps this is the time to discuss ways in which your family can be more environmentally friendly.

We are blessed at Congregation Neveh Shalom to be situated in a park-like setting surrounded by the majestic beauty of the northwest. We understand that it is our responsibility to do our part to protect this beauty. Did you know that our building has been recognized for the steps we have taken to lessen our environmental impact (read more about this on page 10)? Do you know about our Shomrei Teva group that is working regularly to restore the natural habitat of the lovely creekside area along the synagogue?

We all have to work at fulfilling our responsibility to preserve and protect our environment. Let this upcoming Tu B'Shvat be your inspiration to continue this effort.

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Pizmon Visits Neveh Shalom

By Cantor Deborah Bletstein



In March, Neveh Shalom is excited to host *Pizmon*, a Jewish *a capella* (vocal music without instrumental accompaniment) ensemble. *Pizmon*, (which in Hebrew means the chorus or stanza of a song) is a student-run group, founded in 1987 that is affiliated with many academic institutions on the Upper West Side of Manhattan including: Columbia University, Barnard

College and The Jewish Theological Seminary (my alma mater). The personnel rotate as students enter and then graduate from their various programs.

Pizmon is visiting during their annual **Music Outreach Initiative** spring break trip, when they visit communities that they are unable to reach during the school year. In their own words: "Through this trip, we aspire to heighten the Jewish experience of the communities we visit, engage in community service oriented work, and spread our love of Jewish music to residents of old age homes, hospitals, schools, and congregations. The funds we raise from our performances during the academic year allow us to cover the bulk of the expenses of our Music Outreach Initiative. In the past, we have

traveled overseas to countries including Costa Rica, Panama, England, Wales, France, Ukraine, Canada, Israel, Poland, and Brazil, and domestically to New Mexico, Arizona, Washington, California, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia." And now Portland, Oregon!

We have invited the teens from Shaarie Torah to be with us for this special evening during our ALIYAH program time on Wednesday, March 15th (see flier). Our students will have dinner with *Pizmon* from 6:00-6:30pm, and then the community is invited for the concert in the Main Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. After a short cookie break, we will move into a special teens-only workshop with *Pizmon*, where our kids will be taught one of the group's vocal arrangements, and will have a Q & A session following the singing. This program has been sponsored by the clergy of Neveh Shalom, including our emeriti!

We are proud to have these wonderful Jewish college role models coming to teach us and leave their "footprint" at Neveh Shalom. We know that music brings so much to our lives, and I'm confident that the energy and innovation in Jewish music that *Pizmon* will bring us will be a treat for all. Please plan to join us for the concert and make sure your teens are present for this very special evening!

In harmony,
Cantor Bletstein

The 2017 Annual Fundraiser Chairs: Michelle and Jon Caplan



Every year it is exciting to learn more about who is chairing the annual fundraiser. Members since 1999, Michelle and Jon Caplan were inspired to give back to a community that supported them during a rough year.

On April 21, 2016, not long after they celebrated their son

Andrew's Bar Mitzvah, Michelle learned that she had breast cancer. Shortly after, she underwent a bi-lateral mastectomy including an immediate reconstruction. Michelle's final surgery occurred on Aug 23rd.

"Our family could not have gotten through this last year without our *kehillah* (community) - The calls, the visits, assistance with meals, help with rides - we are forever grateful," Michelle explained. "We wanted to do something to publicly show our appreciation for the love and care that Neveh Shalom offered to our family this year. And we wanted to do something that could help make a difference to positively impact others. It is our way to close the chapter of this difficult year."

The fundraiser's Mardi Gras theme truly represents the Caplans' commitment to celebrating life. This year's event will be a ton of fun with a unique ambiance and unparalleled entertainment. Don't miss the opportunity to join us on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

Joshua Berkman – January 7

Joshua Berkman is the son of Eric Berkman and Akiko Saito, brother to Mackenzie and Alena and grandson of Dr. Marv and Carol Berkman of Eugene, Oregon and Akio and Joanne Saito of Redding, California. Josh enjoys school at Mt. Tabor Middle School, a Japanese immersion school. Josh is a 7th grader and is an active member of the Math Engineering and Science Achievement Club. An avid sports and science enthusiast, Josh dreams of becoming a jet engineer one day. He has summered at Camp Solomon Schechter since 1st grade and started his Jewish education at age three at Foundation school. He is busy having fun raising four chickens, skiing with his dad and sisters, talking politics with just about anyone and studying Japanese with his best friends from the International School.



Carolyn Levy – January 21

Carolyn Levy is the daughter of Jo and Charles Levy, sister to Isabelle, Benjamin, Isaac and Raphael, and granddaughter of Louis and Norma Kerlinsky of Longmeadow, Massachusetts and Meier (z"l) and Simi (z"l) Levy of Essaouria, Morocco and Hedera, Israel. Coco is a 7th grader at West Sylvan Middle School where she plays bass clarinet in the band and has acted in six school plays with West Sylvan Drama. She loves reading, writing, cooking and spending time with friends. Every year, she looks forward to returning to Camp Solomon Schechter, where she has been a camper since 2nd grade.



Jonathan Segal – February 18

Jonathan Segal is the son of David and Janine Segal, brother to Sydney, and grandson of Harry and Zandra Rosenblatt of Tustin, California. A 7th grade student at the Oregon Episcopal School, Jonathan, an avid fan of all sports, plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. He is also a member of the FC Portland/NEU 2004 US Soccer Development Academy team. This year Jonathan spent eight months in Munich, Germany, and was able to travel around Europe and to Israel.



Miles Greenberg – January 14

Miles Greenberg, in 7th grade at Oregon Episcopal School, is a good student who has always taken an insightful look at the world and is also a talented club level soccer player. Miles spends four weeks each summer in the San Juan Islands at camp Nor'wester, living in a teepee and running with a pack of good friends. Grandparents, from Mexico, Minnesota and Portland will come to hear Miles read out of the family's Torah. His brother, Solomon and parents, Jennifer and Andrew could not be prouder.



Jackson Klein – February 4

Jackson Klein is the son of Christine and Ken Klein of Portland, Oregon, grandson of Elena Selleck, and nephew to David and Pria Poulsen, of Reno Nevada. Jackson is a 7th grader at Robert Grey Middle School where he plays flute in the school and stage bands. He spends his summers at B'nai B'rith Camp, enjoying the tubing and white water rafting. Jackson enjoys travel, especially if it includes good food and swimming in a warm ocean. He enjoys frequenting Multnomah Village with his friends and mixing it up with his labradoodle, Woody.



Taking the LEED

In 2009, Neveh Shalom proudly earned the US Green Building Council's LEED Silver certification. This certification means that our 2008 addition meets a certain level of eco-friendly requirements including but not limited to construction activity pollution prevention, indoor and outdoor water use reduction, building-level water metering, minimum energy performance, storage and collection of recyclables, construction and demolition waste management planning, and indoor air quality performance.



Little Feet, Big Feat

By Cory Raiton



Who loves the sound of screaming children and running feet? Inevitably, after every Foundation School event that takes place in Birnbach Hall, the children end up running around the social hall squealing with joy. Three years ago, the Foundation School Parent Committee decided to put this renewable energy to good use by launching the Tree of Life Walk-a-Thon. Now in its third year, the Walk-a-Thon makes the birthday of the trees an exciting holiday for our Foundation School community to get behind.

In learning about Tu B'Shvat, our teachers work with students to create experiences with and about trees that engage all of the senses. From observational drawings of trees that develop fine motor skills and focus, to whole-body tree hugging that creates a joyful connection to our environment, Foundation School students spend time leading up to the holiday engaged in meaningful tree-appreciation.

To celebrate this festival of growth and renewal, Foundation School students, siblings and alumni are invited to come together as a community for the annual Tree of Life Walk-a-Thon. Each class will make a Tu B'Shvat themed art installation for the event. "The art projects are a great vehicle for the *morot* [teachers] to teach kids about the holiday," says event chair, Carina Lovitt. "It's also a great way for the kids to be vested in the event. Even parents get involved – converting the social hall into a tree-lined pathway and setting the mood."

Students get sponsored to walk with friends in an environmentally-friendly effort to raise funds for Foundation School classrooms. It's an easy, active way the Neveh Shalom school community can come together, have some fun, and stock classrooms with enriching materials. "I like the walk-a-thon because it's a fun way to get exercise, see some of my friends and it's just really fun," said Amélie Luyties, age 8.

"The Walk-a-Thon touches on the idea of 'Our Footprint' both literally and figuratively," says Leah Conley, Director of Early Childhood Education. **"Our students and alumni walk laps around the social hall to symbolize the impact of our environmental footprint.** At the same time, they're raising funds with every lap to help stock our classrooms with the tools we need to support early learning – the first step to a robust Jewish identity."

In years past, through the generosity of friends and family that sponsor the walkers, this event has raised over \$3,500 for Foundation School classrooms, allowing teachers to address specific needs and support the growth of each Foundation School student. Past wish list items that have been purchased with funds raised have included classroom iPads, light tables, cameras to support emergent curriculum documentation, and much more.

The third annual Tree of Life Walk-a-Thon will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm in Birnbach Hall.

ALIYAH students, whether Foundation School alumni or not, can head on over to the social hall immediately following religious school and join the walk. Foundation School feet and ALIYAH feet alike will walk, run, skip and jump toward a firmer foundation for our planet and our school.



Want to register your child, sponsor one or simply donate? It could not be simpler. Find a family you want to support or visit foundationschoolpdx.org

Aside from the Walk-a-Thon, there are plenty of other ways for the whole family to celebrate Tu B'Shvat at home:

EAT

One Tu B'Shvat custom is to eat a new fruit on the 15th of Shvat, or you can sample each of the Seven Species (*Shvat Haminim*) described in Deuteronomy (8:8): wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates, olives, dates (honey)

In many homes, families sample the *Shvat Haminim* in a particular order – at a seder, not unlike a Pesach seder.

PLANT

Some people plant trees in their community or home – and others donate a tree to Israel at this time of year. Visit www.jnf.org/jnf-tree-planting-center to plant yours!

READ

Books are a gateway to understanding and conversation. Start a conversation with your kids about how we can be kinder to our world with these books aimed at conservationism, sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Early Readers

- *A Tree is Nice* by Janice Udry
- *It's Tu B'Shevat* by Edie Stoltz Zolkower
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- *Tokyo Digs a Garden* by Jon-Eric Lappano

Middle Readers

- *Leaving Our Mark* by Nancy Dickman
- *Living in a Sustainable Way* by Megan Copp
- *The Everything Kids' Environment Book* by Sheri Amsel
- *50 Ways to Save the Earth* by Anne Jankeliowitch

The Footprint of Jewish Education by Mel Berwin



What is a footprint? An impression, a temporary mark of our time in a place. We now talk about carbon footprints or digital footprints—by which we mean a more lasting mark of our presence. In our Jewish tradition we have a quote from Bahya Ibn Pakuda, a philosopher and rabbi who lived in the 11th century:

“Days are like scrolls...write on them only what you wish to be remembered.” Isn't this the same idea as leaving only a positive footprint?

The idea of scrolls resonates for me more than footprints. Maybe because we're the “people of the book” and our books started as scrolls. Maybe because what we know about our scrolls is that there is never just one version of any story of Jewish life, tradition, or law. Don't we have multiple scrolls, voices, and interpretations for any given verse of Torah, holiday recipe, tune for a prayer, or tradition for lighting candles?

When I meet with a new family, I tell them that our biggest overall goal in Jewish education is to teach our kids to be literate enough, and give them enough real-life Jewish experiences, to grow up feeling at home in Judaism. Don't we all feel more comfortable when we know what to do (and why) when we walk into a Shabbat service, a Jewish wedding or funeral, a Passover seder, or a conversation about tzedakah? And beyond that, don't we want our kids to eventually take the reins of Jewish life and lead their own families in the traditions that are meaningful to them? At every age of our kids' lives, our job as teachers and parents is to lead by example, to translate the content of our lives to our kids in meaningful ways, and to discuss with them: why do we do this? Our goal is for them to learn the scrolls of Jewish life and history and values, to understand them and grapple with them and make them meaningful in their own lives.

What is the footprint, the impact, of Jewish education? We teach our children so their voices will be added to our scrolls.

Getting the Green Light

By Jessica Fenton

Photo by Steve Kruss of Light-Waves Electronics



An electrician working on the Sanctuary chandeliers

Have you noticed any changes at Neveh Shalom recently? You might be seeing things in a different light...literally! In an effort to green our synagogue and save us money, the Building and Grounds Committee spearheaded the enormous job of replacing much of the building lighting with energy efficient LED lamps.

The lighting changes were made in close consultation with Steve Kruss of Light-Waves Electronics, Inc. who worked with the Energy Trust of Oregon to get energy efficiency rebates. This helped Neveh Shalom receive the fastest possible payback on this large investment.

"The goal was two pronged," Steve explained. "First save energy and second improve the quality of the light for all the different uses of the buildings. We were able to accomplish both." According to Steve, the energy savings was about 45% with long lasting LED lamps that will require no maintenance for at least 10 years.

What's the bottom line? The cost of the upgrades will be paid for in energy savings in less than three years with Energy Trust of Oregon rebates covering close to 40% of the installation cost. Committee member Ed Kraus hopes that Neveh Shalom will save approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year in lighting

costs. Essentially, this project helped Neveh Shalom go green while saving green!

Roy Carmen, chair of the committee, has been instrumental in prioritizing reliability and functionality when it comes to our facility and its complex systems. He shared that "the committee deals with ongoing building and equipment maintenance, repair and upgrades, construction of building and grounds improvements and decisions on how available funds are allocated." It also oversees projects at our two cemeteries as well as the appearance of the property and landscaping. This is all made possible through the work of dedicated committee volunteers who possess experience in business management, engineering, building, realty, interior design, and other related fields.

Becoming a greener sanctuary is not easy as Neveh Shalom is a very complex building. Originally constructed in the early 1960s, it has been remodeled and improved upon with challenges that include maintaining and improving systems, ensuring they all function together, and meeting modern building and safety codes.

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Other notable Building and Grounds projects have included Phase I of a kitchen remodel, HVAC evaluations, roofing repairs, changes to classrooms, and artwork installations. The efforts of the Building and Grounds Committee touch every aspect of our synagogue life, and its members' commitment to *tikkun olam* is evident as they strive to make Neveh Shalom a safer, more reliable place.

Building and Grounds Committee: Roy Carmen (Chair), Stephen Blake, Ed Kraus, Gary Pearlman, Paul Schlesinger, Isaac Simkin, Carolyn Weinsten, Andrew Zvibleman

Standing with Standing Rock

An Interview with Liat Melnick

By Jenn Director Knudsen



Liat Melnick

Liat Melnick, child of **Jeffrey Melnick** and **Dana Benson-Melnick**, has traveled twice to North Dakota, to stand with Native Americans and fellow non-Natives to help fight the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). A Goucher College graduate now living in Baltimore, Liat shared some reflections on Standing Rock, the Water Protectors and Judaism. Comments here are edited for length and clarity.

For context: Over 300 tribes have been represented at Standing Rock North Dakota to voice dissent over the proposed 1,200-mile Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). At The Chronicle deadline, more than 5,000 people are gathered at Oceti Sakowin Camp. People began gathering in Spring 2016 as Water Protectors to protect the Missouri River, which supplies water to tribal territory and much of the Midwest. The pipeline would run from North Dakota to Illinois. On Dec. 4, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers announced it is not granting the easement needed to drill under the Missouri River. Standing Rock is not yet standing down: The company responsible for drilling and laying pipe issued the statement, “[It is] fully committed to ensuring that this vital project is brought to completion and fully expect[s] to complete construction of the pipeline without any additional rerouting...”

JDK: What inspired you to head (twice) to Standing Rock and act as a Water Protector?

LM: I come at justice work from a racial-equity perspective. Standing Rock is a contemporary iteration of how this country treats Native people as an obstacle to land acquisition and profit. If we frame the conversation only around water and oil, we will perpetuate systemic racism against Native and indigenous people by erasing their struggle and ignoring issues like treaty violations and genocide. Using the term Water Protectors (not protestors) roots this work in a history of Native resistance.

In September, I saw a *Democracy Now!* report on private DAPL pipeline security dogs attacking Water Protectors; the reporter who broke the story was charged with trespassing. The physical violence against Native people and attempted

media suppression were injustices that I could not ignore. After confirming that non-Native allies could be useful at the camp, I contacted some friends and together we planned a (first) trip to coincide with Sukkot.

I grew up at Neveh Shalom and graduated from its Hebrew high school. Judaism has always been an important part of my identity. To me, the High Holidays are a time to recommit to justice, take account of our responsibilities, and hold ourselves and our communities accountable to our values. This year, I chose to go to a place and experience a culture entirely new to me, to put my body on the front lines.

The Jewish world is realizing more and more that our liberation is bound up with everyone else’s. This is evident in the new Conservative siddur’s use of “*kol yoshvei tevel*” (“for all the Earth’s inhabitants”) in prayers for peace. Like righteous gentiles from the Holocaust era, we, too, can act righteously by humbly standing in solidarity with the Native people, even if that means risking our lives.

JDK: What is your goal regarding Standing Rock?

LM: What’s happening at Standing Rock is more than just activists gathering to prevent a pipeline. Standing Rock is part of a larger decolonization process that is crucial for building a world without racism and exploitation. The work of *tshuvah* is to reorient our perspectives and life choices. We need to reduce our oil dependence; we may need to change how we handle our money. We can’t just leave the work to “activists.” Everyone is implicated.



Winter Camp at Standing Rock

Answering the Call

By Steve Sirkin



Neveh Shalom Men's Club President Steve Sirkin has seen the impact that Mother Earth's natural disasters can have on our communities. Strong winds and rains can flood our hearts and homes, and in October of last year, Steve was prepared to answer the call for assistance in the wake of Hurricane Matthew.

Having been involved with the Red Cross since 2010, Steve was "prepared" for deployment. However, when the call came, he hesitated as it was not the best of timing. Steve explained, "Aside from the fact that I had a number of important commitments during the upcoming weeks, the deployment affected my ability to observe Yom Kippur."

In his own words, Steve writes:

A few days later came the call to deploy with an instruction to be at the local headquarters in two hours in order to begin the trek east. There was barely time to pack and leave some notes for my wife, Dana. In four days, Nathan Holtorf and I covered 3,000 miles with stops in Baker City, OR; Cheyenne, WY; and St. Louis, MO. While we were initially told to aim for Columbia, SC, we received a call from Red Cross and were redirected to North Carolina. One major complication was that Tuesday night marked the beginning of Yom Kippur. Thankfully, I was able to utilize Neveh Shalom's live link to hear the chanting of the Kol Nidre prayer from the relative comfort of our motel room.

Almost immediately after arriving in Greenville, NC, we were directed to a local Lowe's to pick up a supply of cots from one of several trailers that had been pre-positioned in their lot. We drove them over to Saint James United Methodist Church where we found ourselves setting up a staff shelter in two adjacent rooms. Again, I dialed Neveh Shalom's number and was able listen in, over headphones, to the service, while assisting with the set up. It was a strangely appropriate way to observe the holy day.

Our efforts with the Emergency Response Vehicles represented just a small portion of the overall ongoing effort. There were literally hundreds of volunteers in the Greenville area alone including an amazing crew, tightly cramped in a small room at the operations center at the local Red Cross, attempting to administer the massive effort. Public shelters, usually at schools, being set up and manned. Searching for new ones when the schools reopened. They were dealing with the logistical challenges of supplying the food, water, clean up kits, blankets, bedding, and so much more. All this was being replicated in varying degrees in communities across North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

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As we prepared to head home after our two-week deployment, the need had not gone away. As the waters were receding, people were and would be returning to their damaged homes. They would need clean up kits, food, water, and support. They would need help with beginning the daunting process of getting financial assistance to rebuild their lives, psychological support to make it through the difficult times they were facing, and the knowledge that they were not forgotten.

Steve has documented his deployment in detail describing his efforts supporting those impacted by Hurricane Matthew. It is a chilling reminder of how powerful Mother Nature is and how important volunteer efforts are in assisting those affected by our planet's natural disasters. Contact Steve for the full account at: stevejew18@frontier.com

A Familiar Fusion

By Marianne Zarkin

Long before it became fashionable to be green and the word 'sustainable' was ubiquitous, landscape architects have worked as stewards of the environment. We work to restore landscapes that have been impacted by the development of homes, subdivisions, roads, shopping malls, and cities. Landscape architects get involved in a vast array of project types including the planning and design of parks and trails, urban streetscapes, apartments, schools, and even your neighbor's back yard. The goal of all of these efforts is to create beautiful places that conserve, restore and protect natural resources, promote healthy watersheds and connect people to each other, the outdoors, and the natural world. Judaism, through the concept of Tikkun Olam, works to accomplish similar goals of repairing the world and aspiring to be a positive force in our communities.

My fascination with urban plazas, alpine meadows, my mother's garden and my childhood parks led me to become a landscape architect. Over the past two decades, I have worked on large scale projects including the Orange Line as it snakes through downtown Portland and streetscape projects in downtown Lake Oswego. I have also been involved with the design of several parks including the new entrance to Blue



Lake Park in Fairview and Foothills Park in Lake Oswego. Currently I am working with Portland Parks and Recreation on the design of Spring Garden Park in southwest Portland, which will be constructed this summer. This new park will feature a large meadow area, playground, picnic shelter and walking paths.

Landscape architecture combines design and environmental stewardship to create spaces that fit into a site's physical and neighborhood aspect. It is "neither art nor science, but art and science; it fuses environmental design with biological and cultural ecology." Again, I am reminded of the dynamic nature of Judaism: it is not just a religion, culture or ethnicity, but a fusion of the three. As with my projects, Judaism provides the opportunity for us to connect to the natural world while simultaneously allowing us to be a part of an ever-evolving society filled with growth and development. Through holidays, such as Tu B'Shvat and Sukkot, we are able to acknowledge our relationship with the earth and the gifts of its bounty in the midst of our modern, technologically advanced lives. This very fusion continues to inspire me personally and professionally, and the fruits of my labor may touch your lives here in Portland where you least expect it.

New Program Director: Daniela Meltzer

Congregation Neveh Shalom is excited to welcome Daniela Meltzer as its new Program Director. Throughout her career, Daniela has worked with numerous environmental and social justice nonprofits. In recent years, she has worked as a consultant in event production, marketing and communications for organizations such as Give a Beat, California Hospital Medical Center Foundation, National Medical Fellowships, the Children's Nature Institute and many more. She sits on the



board of Amazon Watch (an organization she helped found 20 years ago) and the Tualatin Hills Synchronize Swimming Team. Daniela and her family relocated to Portland in the summer of 2015 when her husband, Adam Meltzer, was hired as a full-time LEED consultant for Green Building Services. Their two daughters, Sofia (11) and Rachel (6) attend Portland Jewish Academy. Daniela's unique experience and expertise are a welcome addition to the Neveh Shalom community. Please stop by and introduce yourself.

Member News

Kvell With Us

Mazel Tov to Kaiya (CNS Librarian) and Aaron Goldhammer on the birth of their new baby boy, **Paul Goldhammer**, on Friday, Oct. 21! He was born at 6:00am weighing 9 pounds and measuring 22 inches. Mommy, Daddy and **big sister Shoshi** are all doing well.



Mazel Tov to CNS member George Fendel, who performed with Ehud Asherie, a young Israeli pianist, on Nov 6, 2016 at Classic Pianos in SE Portland. George has been producing solo piano concerts there for the past 7 years.

Mazel Tov to CNS member Dr. Richard London on receiving the 2016 Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award from the American Academy of Optometry. This award is presented to a distinguished clinician who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to the Academy's Lectures and Workshops program. As a recognized clinician and educator worldwide, Dr. London's contributions are particularly noteworthy in the area of neuro-ophthalmic disease disorders. Dr. London has been one of the early leaders in this area and has been instrumental in providing useful clinical information to optometrists for improving their management of patients.

Mazel Tov to the Koleinu Choir for a wonderful article in the October issue of *Oregon Jewish Life*.



Thank you to the Men's Club, the Sisterhood and all of the volunteers who helped construct, decorate and deconstruct our sukkah this year.

Mazel Tov to all of the CNS artists who participated in the ORA Taste of Art & Celebration of Art at the MJCC: **Linda Bourne, Glenn Decherd, Ros Kane, Esther Liberman, Stu Luxenberg, Sharon Segal, Eddy Shuldman, Julia Waco.**

Mazel tov to Fred and Nora Rothstein on the marriage of their daughter **Danit Rothstein to Candace Newton**. They were wed on November 12 in Woodland Hills, CA.

Thank you to everyone who helped feed the homeless with Rabbi Kosak.



This past December, warm and nutritious meals were served at the **Human Solutions Emergency Family Shelter**. All of the residents were incredibly grateful and appreciative of the plentiful, home cooked meal. **Thank you to all of the generous congregants who were able to donate and serve: Marlene Abrams, Ethan Brenner, Deb Freedberg, Joyce and Larry Mendelsohn, Rachel Mendelsohn, Michael and Linda Osherow, Eric and Marissa Richardson.** If you are interested in assisting with this effort in the future, contact **Joyce Mendelsohn: joyce@mendelsohngroup.com.**

Mazel Tov to Adam Schecter (ALIYAH teacher) & Eden Condren on a fabulous Winter Concert program with Bridging Voices, Portland's GSA Youth Chorus!



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

Carolyn Gorin on the unexpected passing of her beloved husband, **Larry Gorin (z"l).**

Sue Sadis on the passing of her dear sister, **Naomi Israel (z"l)** of Seattle, WA.

Jenny Prince of Santa Barbara, California on the passing of her dear father, **Steven Berlow (z"l).**

Bobbie Kramer on the passing of her beloved father, **Allen E. Grobart, z"l.**

Tzviah (Rand Raynor) Schwartz on the passing of her dear mother, **Shirley Ruth Schwartz z"l.**

Melanie (Barry) Fried-Oken on the passing of her beloved mother, **Sally Gettleman Fried, z"l.**

Jeff (Amy) Katz on the passing of his dear mother, **Ellen Katz, z"l** who passed away in Boston, MA.

We are saddened by the loss of these members of our CNS community:

We regret having to inform you of the passing on Monday, October 31st of our longtime congregant **Shirley Klain, z"l.**

We regret having to inform you of the passing of our dear congregant **Shirley Wexler (z"l)**, beloved wife of **Ben Wexler (z"l)**, dear mother of **Elinor Wexler and Stuart (Susan) Wexler.**

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Updates from the Cantor Search Committee

As you are probably aware, we are in the beginning stages in the process of hiring a new Cantor. We have formed an energetic and dedicated search committee that has gotten right to work. You should have already received an email containing a survey. Please take this opportunity to let your voice be heard. It's very important that our congregation share its opinion during this process. If you have not received your survey, please contact the office at 503.246.8831.

This process will move rather quickly. Based on your recommendations, we plan to advertise for the position no later than late January/early February, after we receive approval from the Board of Directors. We'll review tapes and resumes and invite the best qualified people to visit the synagogue for a Shabbat weekend. Again, your participation is much appreciated--after all, they need to feel as comfortable with us as we feel with them.

We appreciate this opportunity to help bring the best candidate here.

Dana Sacks and Liza Milliner

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2900 Peaceful Lane

As a Jewish family, what is your connection with the environment?

Fenton Family - "We believe Jewish texts mandate us to be caretakers of the earth. Prior to becoming a full-time caretaker of three children, Jessica was the Director of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life of Southern California (CoeJLSC). My work opened my eyes to environmentalism, and caring for creation has become a priority for me and my family. Garrett, a Portland native, has always possessed environmental awareness. As a family, we try to reduce our carbon footprint by adhering to the 3 Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle. The inspiration for living a green lifestyle comes from our commitment to creating a better future for our children and grandchildren." *PICTURED, l to r: Jessica, Myer, Noah, Joseph, and Garrett Fenton.*



Weinstein/Hoyt Family - "Judaism takes a pragmatic and practical approach to the environment. It encourages us to make responsible use of the world, but always with an eye to preservation and conservation. It promotes a balance between human activity and 'Bal Tashchit'- a basic ethical principle that commands us to avoid senseless destruction and waste, whether that be natural resources, food or animal life. Growing up in a highly urbanized environment in the UK, I rarely had anything to do with nature or the land. Like many urbanized diaspora communities outside Israel, ours was fairly alienated from the natural environment. We're so happy that our Neveh Shalom community here in Portland is an easy place for a family to feel connected to the environment. Through Shomrei Teva we have had the opportunity to help build raised beds for the preschool, as well as having had

the opportunity to participate in Neveh Shalom sponsored camping trips. On a personal level, we keep a small flock of chickens and grow much of our own fruit and vegetables during the summer. Through hiking, fly fishing and mushroom hunting, we get to appreciate many of the special places that the Pacific NW has to offer. Lastly as veterinarians, Darcy and I get to witness the mutually beneficial relationship between people and animals. The emotional, physical and psychological power of the human animal bond helps connect us to our world and environment on a daily basis." *PICTURED, l to r: Ross, Darcy, Talia and Asher Weinstein/Hoyt*

2900 Peaceful Lane was compiled by Rick Hartoch

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January 16: 7:15am Morning Minyan; 10:00am MLK Day of Service for Preschooler at MJCCs; 7:00pm Cantor Search Committee; 7:15pm Koleinu Rehearsal

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 on a book in the Tanakh with Rabbi Emeritus, Daniel Isaak. Free.

Machon Ivrit
Tuesdays Thru 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, 6:30pm, Zidell Chapel
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.

Trope: Learning to Leyn
Wednesdays, 7:35pm, Zidell Chapel
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, 6:30pm, Room 111
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.

Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Eve Posen
Thursday, Jan 12, Feb 9, 1:00pm, MJCC
Jan: Learn about Parshat Vayechi and the meaning of "And he Lived"
Feb: Be Like a Tree: texts on Tu B'shvat (new year of the trees). Free & open to all at the MJCC.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Ilene Safyan
Fridays, Jan 13, Feb 3, 6:15pm
Stampfer Chapel
Bring your spirit and your voice together for this special Kabbalat Shabbat. 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.

Women's Torah Study
Saturday, Jan 14, 28 & Feb 11, 25, 12:30pm, Room 111
An uplifting hour of study on Shabbat! Delve into biblical and midrashic text, 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.

Speaker Series, Sponsored By Men's Club: **Ins and Outs of the Restaurant Business**
Sun, Jan 15, 9:40am, Stampfer Chapel
Hear Andrew Fortgang, fellow congregant and owner of Little Bird and Le Pigeon, speak on the Ins and Outs of the Restaurant Business. Men's Club provides Brunch, free for members, \$5 contribution requested for non-members.

Wondering Jews Tea for Two Speakers
Tuesday, Jan 17, Feb 14, 2:00pm
Zidell Chapel. **Jan:** Brad Nahill, See Turtles. **Feb:** Dena Marshall, Swim Tyka

CNS Sisterhood Sunday/Rosh Chodesh, Sunday, Jan 22, Feb 19, 12:30pm, Room 111. 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. otrbanana@frontier.com

Camp Schechter Shabbaton at CNS
Shabbat, Jan 27-28
Join the fun of a weekend at camp, with old and new friends and awesome camp staff—without leaving Portland! Shabbat songs, Maccabia team sport & spirit day, night time sleepover, great food, lots of fun and games. \$50 includes dinner, breakfast, lunch, snacks, t-shirt and prizes. Register at: tinyurl.com/SchechterShabbat2017

Sisterhood Shabbaton
Shabbat, Jan 27-28, Stampfer Chapel
Please join the Sisterhood as they lead the Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday



Neveh Shalom Does Mardi Gras Annual Fundraiser Sunday, February 26, 5:00pm

Join us as we celebrate life and Neveh Shalom for Jewish Mardi Gras! This is a party you don't want to miss! The fun starts with a silent auction, cocktails, Cajun inspired appetizers, and entertainment. We will then have dinner, live auction and our Mitzvah moment. Dress in your finest Mardi Gras attire and get ready to have a blast as we raise much needed funds to keep our congregation thriving! A huge thank you to this year's committee chairs, Michelle and Jon Caplan and all of our committee members. This is a group effort and you are all amazing for giving of your time and talents!

Spread the word and see you there. Tix are \$70/per person and can be purchased at www.nevehshalom.org/fundraiser2017

Please note: programs are subject to change, please contact the office for more info.

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World Wide Wrap - Morning Minyan Sunday, Feb 5, 9:00am, Zidell Chapel

Join us at Morning Minyan for the World Wide Wrap where Men's Clubs and congregations around the world are teaching the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin.

Speaker Series, Sponsored By Men's Club: Computer Security

Sun, Feb 5, 9:40am, Stampfer Chapel

Join us for a talk by Albert Kolkin, fellow congregant and computer security expert, on Computer Security. The Men's Club will provide brunch at 9:40am, the talk is at 10:00am. Free for members, \$5 contribution requested for non-members.

Men's Club Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, February 10, 6:15pm

Please join the Men's Club as they lead the Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

Vashti Banquet

Thursday, March 2, 6:00pm

Please join the Neveh Shalom sisterhood for a special women's only Vashti Banquet, to be held at the Marrakesh Restaurant. There will be food, entertainment, henna tattoos, belly dancing and more. For more information, please contact Dana Sirkin at: otrbanana@frontier.com

Young Family & Youth Shabbat

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 Grade 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15am

Room 29. 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 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!

Fourth Fridays with Rabbi Eve Fridays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 5:15pm

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

PJ Havdallah - MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, Jan 14, 5:15pm

Shoreshim and Anafim families come together for this special PJ Havdallah. Join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat in our PJs and then have dinner and a movie. \$5 per person. For all children 0-2nd grade and their families. Co-sponsored by PJ Library. RSVP at: nevehshalom.org/pjhavdallah

Boker Tov Bunch Sundays, Jan 29 & Feb 5, 26 9:00-9:45am, FREE, Library

Get some wiggles out with the Boker Tov Bunch playgroup! Come to the Feldstein Library Sunday mornings to enjoy the wonderful books in our library, play, and sing songs. Snack provided. Drop-in.

MLK Day of Service for Preschoolers Monday, Jan 16, 10-11:30am, MJCC Join PJ Library and Neveh Shalom for a day of service. For more info, go to www.jewishportland.org, FREE

Intergenerational Kabbalat Shabbat on the EASTSIDE Friday, January 20, 5:15pm

Join together for a fun and lively Shabbat service that welcomes all ages and stages, held at the home of Mike Khavul and Gina Westhoff in NE Portland. Contact Rabbi Eve to RSVP: eposen@nevehshalom.org

Foundation School Walk-a-Thon Sunday, Feb 5, 11:30am

Join us as the Foundation School community and friends come together to walk while raising funds during our annual Walk-a-Thon. There will be music, snacks and prizes for everyone. For more info and to participate, contact: leahc@foundationschoolpdx.org; 503-293-7307. *Read page 8 of the Jan/Feb Chronicle for more information.*

Anafim Shabbat Dinner at Rabbi Eve's Friday, February 10, 6:00pm

Join us for a relaxing Shabbat potluck.

Shoreshim PJ Havdallah Saturday, Feb 11, 5:15pm

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

Lend a Hand

Shomrei Teva Creekside Restoration Sunday, Jan 15, Feb 19, 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. It's good for the soil and good for the soul. Jordan Epstein, 503.245.6580, yaakovm@comcast.net.

Cooking for Outside-In Sunday, Jan 8, Feb 5, 12:00-2:00pm

Join us in the Neveh Shalom kitchen to cook for 60 homeless teens. For questions about this project call Chris Blair at (503) 675-1328 or e-mail Cathy Blair at cathyblair55@yahoo.com.

Unveilings

Unveiling for Ben Philan, z"l Sunday, Jan 22, 10:00am Neveh Zedek Cemetery

Unveiling for Earl Oller, z"l Sunday, Feb 12, 2:00pm Ahavai Shalom Cemetery

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Sunday, March 19, 2017

\$30.00 per person

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Experienced and new players welcome. (no teaching)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Brunch and explanation of rules

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Tournament and prizes



Register by March 13th



For more information please contact: Judi Goodman (503) 531-7205 or Elisa Stevens (503) 929-1680

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Attn: Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Name(s) _____

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I will be attending brunch: Yes ____ No ____

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