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# "Tree, Tree, With What Should I Bless You?"

#### By Rabbi David Kosak

still listen to music on vinyl. Yes, we stream plenty of music at home. But when I really want to listen deeply and have the music sink in, only records will do. It's not that the sound quality of vinyl is better than the digital stream, though in some important ways, records still hold a sonic edge.

Rather, it's the ritual involved in readying a record to play that primes my soul to hear. Like the Japanese tea ceremony, the process that leads up to the music is equally important. It's not just about drinking tea or listening to music. It's about the experience of each and how the process prepares us for what is to come. One first cleans the record, and gives the stylus a quick brush-over as well. Then there's the needle dropthat moment of gentle anticipation as the tonearm slowly descends and beautiful music begins. Rituals are small investments of delay we make to receive something of significance down the road.

This notion of investment is personally resonant. The turntable I use was a gift to me by a thirteen-year-old boy who labored as a golf caddy one long summer. He spent half of his earnings to purchase it. I remain deeply grateful to my younger self for the investment he made in my pleasure (though I doubt that was much on his mind at the time). There is one other way that records teach us something useful about investment. A record is a physical imprint of a musical happening. More specifically, a record master is literally cut on a lathe with a diamond-tipped blade. The shape of the groove is the shape of the sound wave. Unlike digital music, which is a translation from the analogue realm into the digital and back again, a record

is a direct transmission and reproduction of what was. This difference matters. Maybe the following story will help explain.

My grandfather was an avid gardener. He was particularly proud of his rock garden. Yet in the last autumn of his life, his neighbor, Mrs. Lyon, observed him planting daffodil bulbs in the small side garden. The cancer which had gripped him was already far-advanced, and Mrs. Lyon knew it. "What are you doing?" she inquired. He knowingly looked at

her with a twinkle in his eye and not a twinge of self-pity. "Well," he said, "I came into a world of flowers planted by someone else. I may not get to see these bloom, but someone will."

That image of my Papa Jake, relayed to me by Mrs. Lyon, is cut into my consciousness as deeply as any record groove. It summed up the way he lived to be of service to others. It was his commitment to and investment in life itself. Too often we think of our investments in financial terms alone. Yet in those cases also, we are giving expression to deeply held values.

To recap, we invest in ritual knowledge and practice, whether at home or in the synagogue, so that we can enjoy a moment of anticipation, heighten our experiences, and imbue them with significance. Our investments are also a way that some of our present day values and concerns will not only endure into the future, but will be literally reproduced



in others. That's why as we celebrate Congregation Neveh Shalom's 150th anniversary, I invite you to reflect on those who came before us. How have you benefited from their investments? What would you like to transmit to those who will come after us?

Let's conclude with the following touching Talmudic story. Rabbi Nahman turned to a beautiful fig tree and said, "Tree, tree, with what should I bless you? If I say you should have sweet fruit, well, your fruit is already sweet. If I should bless you to give good shade, well, you already give good shade. If I should give you a blessing that a cool spring of water passes close by for you to drink, well, a cool spring of water already does. So with what should I bless you? That any saplings that grow from you should be just like you!"

May it be God's will that your children should be like you, Rav D

# The Superheroes I Met

#### By Rabbi Eve Posen

went to Guatemala to meet the people, hear their stories, and learn the history, and it was fitting that we started our trip just a few weeks after two Guatemalan children died in custody at the border. I wondered, what would lead their parents to flee their land and put their lives and the lives of their children in danger? I got my answer as soon as I stepped foot in the country.

I met with a variety of people — superheroes really — who fight daily against the corruption that persists with impunity in their government. I met with men and women and children who are invested in changing the future for Guatemala.

The first superhero who remains with me is Ernesto. Ernesto is the "foreman" for his community. He works with a human rights law firm to understand the legal rights of citizens and fight for them every day. His family members and loved ones have been "disappeared" from society. He lives a mile from the Mexican border. The land he owned was taken.



Midwives risk danger to themselves in order to guide new life into this world.

He works every day in the field and then spends every minute of downtime he has fighting for justice. He stands up and invests his time to create change, knowing that one day he too could be disappeared. This is moral courage: doing the right thing no matter the cost.

The next superhero is actually a group of superheroes. It's a collective of midwives. Sixty percent of all births in Guatemala are attended by midwives, partly because of Mayan culture and partly because the hospital system simply cannot handle the number of births that occur each year. These women are a gift; they travel out on their own in the dark, through gang-infested roads, to bring life into our world. They care for mother and baby even while they themselves are in danger. And they do it with joy and laughter. One woman, who was respected for her work and well known for her charm, was illiterate. She signed her name with her thumbprint. After talking with them, I realized that these midwives, like Shifra and Puah in our Jewish tradition, guide new life into being and help families grow and thrive.

Edwin is my third superhero. Edwin was born in the mid 1970s on the border between Guatemala and Mexico. His parents began life there in their search for freedom and land that they could work. They grew cardamom and lived a simple life without technology or cars. But that all changed in the early 1980s as the effects of the Cold War set in, and democracy was upended. The government of Guatemala began forced "disappearances" and used guerilla warfare tactics upon the indigenous people. Over one million were displaced and 40,000 disappeared. Edwin's family was forced to flee as refugees into the Mexican jungle. He and his family spent seven months hiding in trees to fight for their lives, and for 12



years they lived as refugees in Mexico.

Edwin returned weary and tired, but with a fire in his belly to change the course of history in his beloved Guatemala. He spent years searching to find the truth and share the atrocities committed by the Guatemalan government and military. He still fights daily to support indigenous people in their right to land and services, and doing this every day means that he is at risk of being disappeared or worse.

All of these superheroes are living examples of moral courage. They desire deeply to change the state of the world in which they live, despite the risks. But they know they're not alone. They do this knowing that others in the world, like you and me, believe it's worth fighting against corruption. We believe it's worth investing time and resources to help people stand up for justice. "Never again," our post-Holocaust refrain, means never again for any group at any time or place. And as a community, CNS has the power to do our part to make that a reality.

#### President's Cornei

# CNS 150 is Critical to Our Survival By Jason Kaufman, President

ecently, Mark and Jennifer Kalenscher, Glen Coblens, Fred Rothstein, and I attended the USCJ Large Synagogue Conference in our nation's capital. It was exciting to be around our peer kehillot and discuss the issues we all face, but it was even better to hear and work on solutions to continually reinvest in what we do. With the second-largest delegation in attendance (after Toronto, with eight attendees) and the only one west of Chicago, we had fun representing you. It was evident that we truly are a national leader in so many ways.

So why am I sharing about this trip? It is simple — it reaffirmed for me that CNS 150 is critical to our survival. First, we must remember our past while shaping our future in our own unique, Portlandesque way. Second, we must embrace how future generations will gather, pray, and learn together while still making room for what we do today. Third, our board of directors is committed to not burdening our congregants with a mortgage in our operating budget and to properly setting aside funds for future needs through endowment and reserves.

From our dedicated staff, to clergy who

invest their time to make us the best we can be Jewishly and as a people, to our lay leaders who ensure that we use our financial resources wisely, we can take a lot of pride in our current accomplishments. And I look forward to taking pride in our future accomplishments — fueled by your passion, desires, and dreams. We can ensure that we are the place to be for Conservative Jews and our friends היום (today) and מחר (tomorrow).

One of the highlights of the trip was being at Congregation Adas Israel in DC to learn how they have reinvested in themselves over the past five years. What they have accomplished has been nothing short of amazing. Ten years ago we too began this process. We started renovating our building and adding space, and we committed to increasing energy efficiency. We've built up our Foundation School and Aliyah programs, and we've hired great clergy. We can't lose what we have created that so many of us cherish and hold dear.

So let's ensure that we finish this campaign in 2019, our 150th year. Allison, Eliana, Sarina, and I have given generously in our own way, and we look forward to you joining us. I thank those who



have already committed their resources to completing our reinvestment. When you assist us in our mission of becoming a long-term, thriving kehillah, you are using your resources to support education, tikkun olam, spiritual needs, and spaces where we can come together as a community and celebrate life.

It is my honor and privilege to serve our kehillah in this celebratory year. Here's to our next 150 years! Please reach out if you have any comments or questions.

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#### Cantor's Corner

# Learning from Our B'nai Mitzvah By Cantor Eyal Bitton

ur b'nai mitzvah put in hours, weeks, days, and months of hard work to get ready for their big day. From beginning to end, it's a year of work. And work is exactly what it is. Learning trope, ensuring correct pronunciation, and chanting ancient texts (without vowels and trope markings) in a language that even modern-day Hebrew speakers struggle with is indeed work. If any student comes in thinking their bar/bat mitzvah is about the party, that thought is quickly dispelled once they sit down with their tutors and look at the material!

It is precisely because so much work is involved that their big day means so much. They know that they have achieved something. They know they had to work to get it. They know they are doing something that isn't easy — but they can do it. I love seeing our b'nai mitzvah students shine when the moment finally arrives; their smiles, their excitement, their nervousness, their sense of accomplish-

ment, their pride, and their joy are all immeasurable.

By engaging in this timehonored tradition, these students have learned a valuable lesson: their heritage is worth putting effort into. Not only that, putting effort into their heritage and identity puts value on their heritage and identity.

Sure, when the time comes, our b'nai mitzvah students discover that all their hard work has paid off. Now they

appreciate having invested so much time and effort — and they can see their ROI, their return on their investment. But it really isn't just about the end product. It's about the effort that goes into the goals we set for ourselves.

When we work towards something, we value it more. That goes for so many things in our lives, just as it does with Ju-



daism. Putting effort into being Jewish — into education, values, and spiritual life — fosters appreciation for our Judaism. It's very much about how much we value what we have and who we are. When the Israelites accepted the Torah at Mount Sinai, it wasn't an entitlement — it was a promise to uphold, maintain, and honor the gift.



#### Upcoming Bar Mitzvah

#### Jordan Norman – April 13

Jordan Norman is a sweet and kind young man with an infectious smile. He is the son of Amara and Brian Norman and little brother to Jared. He is the grandson of the late Cookie and Merritt Yoelin of Portand, OR and Ronnie and Michael Norman of Newton, MA. Jordan is currently a 7th grader at Portland Jewish Academy where he is learning to become a mensch. Jordan loves to spend time with his friends, reading, playing with Legos and video games. He loves to spend time playing with his dog, Matti. He takes after his older brother and plays baseball. He also enjoys spending time with his family and looks forward to his annual trip to his happy place, Aruba.

# It is Better (for Companies) to Give than to Receive By Jenn Director Knudsen

hen working for a large employer, it is common to take advantage of its medical coverage and 401(k) plans. But some employers offer less-traditional benefits. Employee gift-matching programs provide a powerful boost to planned and unplanned giving when supporting non-profit organizations. One particularly important non-profit comes to mind: Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Nevertheless, as noted by **Angie Peters**, CNS Administrative Director, "Employer-matching programs are a very underutilized option of payment for our members. This is definitely an area that would be a great benefit to both members and the shul." She explains that

David and Rachel Stein

membership dues can be paid via employee match because they are not an exchange for goods and services.

"Did you know your dues can be matched?" **Rachel Stein**, a member of CNS Board of Directors and an Intel employee, asks enthusiastically. "Yes, your dues!" Other possibilities for gift-matching include the annual giving campaign, the donation portion of auction tickets, and contributions to any of the funds established at CNS.

Influential companies like Intel Corp., Nike, Cambia Health Foundation, US-Bank, Fidelity Investments, Kaiser Permanente, Truist Inc., and more will match their employees' giving to Neveh Shalom. Imagine the huge impact these extra giving sources could have on our

shul. Unfortunately, the impact is currently quite small. Between 2013 and October 2018, total matched gifts were only between \$36 and \$108 a year.

Stein has had her gifts matched for several years. "It's really surprising to me how many people in our kehilla work at companies that encourage employee matches but don't take advantage," she said. Recently, she began working with fellow congregants to maximize their gifts using their employer-matching programs. In November alone, thanks to her encouragement, three families participated that had not done so before. More than \$8,300 streamed in to Neveh, which was, according to Peters, "the largest matching we've ever had."

David Stein, Rachel's husband, adds that there are other ways to "make the most of your giving." For example, some companies, like Providence Health and Services, reward employees' gift of time, offering a certain amount of grant money to favorite non-profits for volunteer hours.

"If our members are not utilizing corporate matching programs, it's like paying full price for a half-off sale item."

# How can you tap into your employer's philanthropic vein?

- Ask human resources or jump online to learn your employer's matching-gift and matching-stock policies.
- If you need a receipt to participate in your company's matching program, contact Angie Peters at (503) 246-8831, ext. 125, or email apeters@nevehshalom.org.
- Don't wait to get a receipt and submit it, as many companies limit matching periods. For example, Intel requires a submission within 30 days of a donation to be eligible.
- Learn about the details of your company's program. Some have limits based on calendar or fiscal years, and timing can be important.

As Peters summed it up, "For me, if our members are not utilizing corporate matching programs, it's like paying full price for a half-off sale item."

# Investing in Our Future — Through

# Education By Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning

either of my parents grew up with much in the way of Jewish traditions, education, or celebrations. My mom, in particular, doesn't love religion and is clear about her atheism. "My spirituality is in the kitchen" she says, and it's from her that I get my love of cooking and entertaining a crowd. Despite this, they joined a synagogue, saw to it that their three kids went to afternoon religious school from kindergarten through 12th grade, learned along with us enough to start a tradition of Shabbat dinners in our home, created a warm community of families to celebrate holidays with, and offered us the opportunities to attend Jewish camps, youth groups, and teen Israel trips.

A few years ago, I asked my parents about this. If they didn't value religion, and didn't grow up with it themselves, why did they prioritize Jewish education for us? My mom responded by saying she feels kids need a moral education, and that since we didn't have family nearby, she wanted us to have the Jewish community as extended family.

For me, those choices they made had a huge impact. I've built my own family life around those foundational experiences: connecting to the multi-generational synagogue community, enjoying holiday meals with friends, and learning the rituals and language of our people. My parents invested in Jewish education in order to provide us with a stability and sense of connection they didn't have themselves as children.

Jewish education is 100% about investing in our future. Is there even another way to see it? Engaged kids, teens who continue their active participation in synagogue life, adults who immerse themselves in discussion about Jewish texts, rituals, and literature, and teachers who dedicate their talents to nurturing learning throughout our lives — without these we would have no hope for even one more generation of Jewish life in our community.

Here are seven different realms in which our community clearly invests in our future by investing in Jewish education:

**1) We bring our kids to ALIYAH** — even those of us who had less than

stellar memories of our own Jewish education. More often than not, a potential CNS parent begins introductions by saying: "I want a better experience of Jewish education for my child than I had." As parents we show up, we invest family time and energy, and we fulfill our commitment to past and future generations by providing our kids



the opportunity to be culturally literate and socially and emotionally connected within their community. Teaching our children is an investment in the future of our families and community.

2) Investing in Jewish education also means being responsive to the evolving needs of the Jewish community. I believe we learn how to parent each child from our children themselves, and I often tell each of my three kids, "Yes, I parent each of you differently because you each need different things from me as a parent." Responsive education is the same — we learn from our families and our children what the most effective way is to teach them. In my generation, we didn't have para-educators assisting kids with special needs to participate in our classrooms; those children simply didn't attend Hebrew school. In my generation, gay and lesbian teens and adults weren't considered positive role models for young children, and weren't allowed to serve as youth directors and education directors. We don't simply repeat an older model of Jewish education. Our job is to understand what our families and children need today, in this generation, in order to hold and love Judaism



Four generations show up to celebrate Elijah Barish receiving his Torah in ALIYAH

into the next generation. This is what it means to invest in our future.

- 3) We can have a successful K-6 education program, but if we don't continue to engage our teens, we all lose out. At CNS we recognize that teens find connection in varied ways, just like adults do. Of course, teens get busier and sometimes band or soccer or choir competes with our high school schedule. And yet we still see over 100 teens participating in weekly programs in our building, whether building social programs for each other through USY, helping create a more nurturing environment as Madrichim in our ALIYAH program, discussing current events and social issues within a safe Jewish community, and building real relationships with Mavens in our Tichon program on Wednesday evenings. When we invest in meaningful teen programming, we're investing in our future.
- 4) We recognize the richness of adult learning through our many varied lifelong learning opportunities. Rabbi Kosak often says Jewish education is wasted on children. He doesn't mean that ALIYAH is a waste just that Judaism includes a very rich and meaningful set of laws, rituals, and texts meant for adults with depth of thought and life experi-

ence. What we teach in ALIYAH is just a taste, and it is clear from the well-attended classes taught by our rabbis and lay leaders that the adults in our community hunger for the connection and comfort that Jewish learning provides. Attending adult learning opportunities is an investment in ourselves and our community.

- **5)** We fund Jewish education in big and small ways. Between May and December, CNS members dropped off bags of recyclable cans and bottles in our office, and these many small acts of tzedakah by individual members added up to \$1,000 for the school within a few months. We are still collecting, and we aim to make another \$1,000 by the end of the school year. 100% of these funds help us buy new furniture for our classrooms. Every act of tzedakah counts, and together we are investing in our learning environment, which truly affects how our kids and adults feel walking into our building.
- 6) We just kicked off our emergency supply drive for CNS 150. As a school director, I have outfitted classrooms for emergency lockdowns or evacuations. However, our congregation as a whole is not equipped in case we need to shelter a large number of people (children, congregants, or neighbors) for days or weeks. In order to be more fully



Lidia Krivoy and Shayah Kosak in Mensches and Mavens program

prepared, we are collecting supplies for clean water, healthful food, and bedding, as well as creating space to store these resources on our campus. Investing now is security for our future! Find the 150 Emergency Supplies page on our website for more info.

7) This summer Portland is hosting the national NewCAJE conference, a nondenominational, teachers-teach-teachers conference that draws hundreds of Jewish educators from around the country. We are hoping to send as many teachers from Neveh Shalom as possible, using professional development funds from community and CNS donors. Teachers who have attended this conference in recent years have reported that they gain inspiration and deeper connection to teaching ideas as well as to Judaism and to Jewish community overall from the experience, and they bring their enthusiasm back to our entire teaching team and students. Investing in our teachers benefits our whole community.

Whether you invest in Jewish education through bringing cans and bottles, bringing your children to ALIYAH, offering opportunities for your children to attend camps and youth groups, increasing your own learning, or making financial donations — we thank you for your support and dedication to the future of CNS and our Jewish community!



ALIYAH teacher Sarah Rohr teaches other community teachers at Portland Area Jewish Educators' Limmud Day.

# Change and Tradition: Congregation Neveh Shalom Turns 150

At the Oregon Jewish Museum & Center for Holocaust Education (OJMCHE) March 3 through Memorial Day By Debra Shein

forces have shaped Congregation Neveh Shalom into the vibrant community that it is today? What themes can be uncovered by an examination of our history, and what are the key highlights that have punctuated our 150 years as a group? The answers to these questions are on display in an exhibit honoring the CNS sesquicentennial now being featured at OJMCHE.

According to Judith Margles, OJMCHE Executive Director, and Sara Glasgow Cogan Intern Rachael Walkinshaw, the exhibit takes visitors through pivotal moments in the synagogue's history and gives them a sense of how the community has navigated the need to maintain tradition and also live in accordance with modern American values. Walkinshaw, a PSU student focusing on Judaic Studies and art,

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Shaul Stampfer, son of Rabbi Joshua and Goldie Stampfer, speaking at Portland's first rally for Soviet Jewry, 1970. Photo courtesy of OJMCHE.

has family roots in Portland extending back to the 19th century. With the guidance of Margles and Curator of Collections Anne LeVant Prahl, she has combed the museum's holdings to discover what in CNS's past has forged it into the congregation we find now.

In a recent discussion about the development of the display, Walkinshaw commented that, "A big part of the history within the history is that the Jews who came here in the first place and formed Ahavai Shalom and Neveh Zedek, the ancestors of CNS, were very modern and progressive for Jews of that era. They came with a pioneering spirit and determination that made a unique community here in the far-flung outpost of Portland,

Oregon." And as Margles added, "Why would Jews come to Portland? The fact that they were willing to come here at all shows a certain chutzpah, an adventurous spirit."

Walkinshaw went on to note that, "I think it was a constant juggling and push and pull. There was no one easy road to take. Imagine a bowling alley with bumpers, the balls bouncing back and forth. It's interesting to see how they worked together and argued together to reach agreement."

"I think what makes this history unique," Margles contributed, "is that this conversation



Robert Abrahamson and wife, Ahavai Shalom hazzan 1882-1922. Photo courtesy of OJMCHE.

was really important. Beth Israel was formed 11 years earlier. It was a time when Judaism was being reformed, and members were very interested in the reform that was going on. Ahavai Shalom and Neveh Zedek were really challenged to maintain tradition and also be seen as progressive. They were at the vanguard of the Conservative movement. This research has really uncovered the story of a group of people dedicated to creating a congregational life, not distinguished in their early years by an important rabbi as in the case of Stephen and then Jonah Wise (no relation) at Beth Israel. At these synagogues there was no no one strong rabbi or leader until Rabbi Stampfer. It was very democratic, a community of hard working, dedicated members."

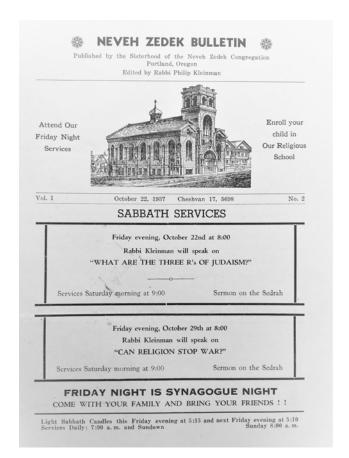
"Yes," Walkinshaw added, "the survival and growth of these congregations really rested on the shoulders of many community members, not just one charismatic leader. It was the people. And whatever the issues of the day, the congregation has been open to grappling with every new challenge that has come its way, things that are important to the community and to the rest of the world."

In addition to documents (including old copies of the *Chronicle*) and photos, the exhibit features historic siddurs, wedding videos, the stained glass window from the old Neveh Zedek shul that has hung over the doorway in the lobby at CNS, and other interesting objects representing the history of the community.

#### To Vist the Exhibit

The exhibit opens on March 3 with a special free reception for CNS members. Various Neveh Shalom groups will also be taking field trips to the exhibit, including the Wondering Jews 65+ on March 12 and the Men's Club on April 28.

If you would like to visit at other times, admission to the museum is free for OJMCHE members, \$8 for adults, and \$5 for students and seniors. 12 and under free. Hours are 11-5 Tuesdays-Thursdays, 11-4 Fridays, and 12-5 Saturdays and Sundays.



Neveh Zedek Bulletiin (1937), predecessor of the Chronicle.

Photo courtesy of OJMCHE.

# Some intriguing bits of information and highlights discovered in the research for the exhibit:

- Neveh Zedek decided to integrate the sexes during worship services in the early 1900s. Some members were upset and joined Shaarie Torah (which interestingly, many years after, adopted the same practice itself).
- The Ladies Auxiliary (later Sisterhood) was formed in 1903 because men were at the synagogue attending their own
  events and the women didn't want to sit home. The organization as originally formed had the goal of contributing to
  educational endeavors in the community.
- The Neveh Zedek Bulletin (predecessor of the *Chronicle*, which began publication in the 1950s) notes the bat mitzvah of girls in 1937 (and assumedly even earlier than that, because the 1937 announcement was routine).
- During the 20th-century Soviet Jewry Movement, Rabbi Stampfer and his wife Goldie smuggled religious objects into the USSR and delivered them to Jews suffering from discrimination.
- Continuing this tradition, in the late-20th and 21st centuries the rabbis of CNS have devoted themselves to a variety of
  political causes including gay rights, matters pertaining to Israel, Muslim-Jewish and African-American-Jewish relations,
  environmental issues, and tikkun olam. The clergy and lay leaders of CNS have always been mindful of social justice
  causes and have not shied away from participating at a very granular level.

# NS 150: Funding Our Future By Debbie Plawner

agic happens inside the gates of Congregation Neveh Shalom. Often it's quiet, noticeable only to those it strikes like a lightning bolt. Young children learn to make challah, a foundation for lifelong celebration of Shabbat. A moment of self-forgiveness flashes in the mind of a meditative Yom Kippur service attendee. Future spouses hold hands for the first time at a USY event.

Sometimes it's loud like a thunderclap. The blasts of the shofar. The rush of kids scooping up the candies showered on the bar or bat mitzvah. Active and lively Foundation School and ALIYAH students, learning in their colorful classrooms. The loud magic that my husband Jordan and I experienced when our three children became b'nai mitzvah.

At my youngest daughter's bat mitzvah



One of Debbie and Jordan's most recent magical moment — the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Mimi, on October 13, 2018

in October, I was struck by how Mimi is the most recent person in my family to become a member of this community that we have been a part of for six generations. My great-great-grandmother, **Eva Faye Nudelman**, was a founding member 150 years ago. Eva Faye raised Pearl, who raised Surretta, who raised Carol, who raised me to pass on this heritage to my daughters and to my son. Whether quiet or loud, the magic of Neveh Shalom has been a constant in my family for 150 years, and I know I speak for many when I say that I hope it continues forever.

In each generation before us, it took the congregation's full resources and energy to keep the eternal light in our sanctuary lit. That's 7,821 shabbats during which Neveh Shalom has had its doors open, creating community and providing a sacred space for rest and rejuvenation. How do we make this last

for another 150 years and beyond? It is we who will assure that CNS is here for generations to come. By launching the Funding Our Future Capital Campaign, we will eliminate our congregation's debt and grow our endowment to cover *all* future maintenance expenses, from new bulbs for the *ner tamid* to repaving the parking lot.

These perhaps mundane but important expenses inspired Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Oregon senator and long-time member, to make the initial donation to Funding Our Future. When asked why she jumped to give, she said, "As we celebrate our sesquicentennial, we look to secure the foundation and ensure that the magic continues for the next 150 years and beyond. No one likes to pay for janitors and broom closets, but without them,



where would be?" She added that she would be honored to have a broom closet named for her family.

Buildings age. Our roof, patched for years, must be replaced. The outdated HVAC system includes units that are broken and beyond repair, and the units that do work have to run overtime to heat rooms with old windows that aren't properly insulated. The catering team works in a kitchen whose appliances are outdated and whose cabinets don't properly close. A recent evaluation found our security system lacks the necessary surveillance equipment to effectively monitor all spaces. The needed updates will ensure the safety and comfort of all who visit Neveh Shalom.

"It is we who will assure that CNS is here for generations to come. By launching the Funding Our Future campaign, we will be the ones to eliminate our congregation's debt."

Thanks to all who joined together and helped with the building's expansion in 2008, we have space for our Foundation School and ALIYAH students. However, as with any major remodel of a 50-year-old building, there were unexpected costs that required financing. The \$1.5 million debt agreement made at the time will expire soon. By eliminating that debt now, we

"There is no limit to the good that this institution can do for its members and the community at large. This campaign will allow us to pursue these ambitions together."

avoid pulling up to \$200,000 from our annual budget to pay it off, which would require major cuts in staff and programming. Becoming debt-free and building up our reserves mean we ensure that Neveh Shalom continues to thrive – now, 150 years into the future, and beyond.

As explained by CNS Executive Director Fred Rothstein, "This campaign will allow the continuation of our vibrant community as we know it. It will enable us to meet the needs of today and make critical, much needed improvements for the community of tomorrow." And as CNS President Jason Kaufman noted, "There is no limit to the good that this institution can do for its members and the community at large. This campaign will allow us to pursue these ambitions together." With a goal of raising \$4 million, and with almost \$1.5 million already committed, plans are already underway to enhance our security system and address critical maintenance issues.

Watching the next generation in our family step up and lead services inspired my husband Jordan and me to make our commitment to Funding Our Future. Every time I step into the Zidell Chapel, the tzedakah box at the entrance reminds me of what an honor it is to contribute to building this



# A Message From The CNS 150: Funding Our Future Co-Chairs

**Glen Coblens**, campaign co-chair, explains that "A gift to this campaign is more than a gift to Neveh Shalom. This is an investment in our community, our future, for a better society. There are a lot of Jewish institutions; however, a synagouge is the only one that is with a person their whole life. For Neveh Shalom, it is a journey that travels from Foundation School to the ALIYAH program, adult education, lifecycle events, and of course, religious services. There is no other institution in Portland that supports the Jewish journey quite like Neveh Shalom."

**Carolyn Weinstein**, who co-chairs with Glen, adds that "We need your gift. We need your involvement. Every gift matters. Every member needs to participate and feel part of this mitzvah. For all who participate in tzedakah, the gift they give is symbolic of their commitment to our kehilla and our shared values. A smaller gift may be emotionally large, based on the donor's ability. These gifts are an inspiration to our larger donors who need to know that there is a broad base of support. They also inspire everyone who serves the community by acknowledging that their work is a shared community-wide mitzvah."

community. Gifted by my grandmother Surretta and her siblings, Irv Leopold and Nora Weinstein, this tzedakah box honoring their parents (my greatgreat-grandparents) is an ever-present reminder that every gift counts.

Places like Neveh Shalom may make magic, but magic alone doesn't sustain them. Each generation puts its trust and resources into building a sacred space that sparks a myriad of educational, religious, and social opportunities. Our generation must step forward now to ensure that everything Congregation Neveh Shalom has meant for its members over the past 150 years will continue forever.

For more information about contributing to this campaign, please visit: **nevehshalom.org/funding-our-future** or contact Fred Rothstein at: frothstein@nevehshalom.org, 503.246.8831.

# Philanthropy is for Everyone!

## Opportunities to get involved for youth and early professionals By Whitney Thaxton

in·vest·ment /in'ves(t)mant/: noun: investment; plural noun: investments an act of devoting time, effort, or energy to a particular undertaking with the expectation of a worthwhile result.

he definition of investing is broad, but when a community is involved in the most important aspects of the lives of its members, that community thrives. Investment, in whatever form that takes, is one of the pillars of a people's foundation. As with most things, the earlier it begins, the more successful the endeavor.

Locally, two programs focused on the investment health of the wider Portland-area Jewish *kehillah* is ran by the **Oregon Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF)**. Founded 30 years ago, OJCF is dedicated to a mission of philanthropy; in their own words, their "vision is a world in which all Jewish people practice tikkun olam." The two programs, the **Giving Council** and the **Oregon Jewish Community Youth** 

**Foundation**, are designed to encourage youth and early professional community members to recognize that vision while enabling them with guidance and resources.

The Giving Council was established in 2015 and is open to anyone in their 30s-40s. Following the model of a giving circle, members come together to pool their financial resources, and determine where to direct those resources in their community. Reaching past the usual move of donating solo, giving circles have a larger reach because of how their members work together. While most of the Giving Council's recipients have been local, they have also worked with international organizations and some based in Israel.

CNS member, **Nicole Frisch**, is a former Giving Council participant. She de-

scribed the group as "a great way for emerging professionals and community leaders to get involved in giving, explore their philanthropic values, and get to know other members of the community." As for her own individual experience, she says, "As a philanthropy professional, I really appreciated the collaborative nature of the Giving Council and the overall impact we could have, both with each other and for the community. I really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know my peers in the community and to talk about how Jewish values influence giving. It facilitated discussions about what it means to 'give Jewishly,' brought lots of different perspectives to the table, and I think helped all of us see different points of view around impact, community priorities, and our own personal values."

The Giving Council holds Happy Hours throughout the year for those who wish to become involved, and hosts an Annual *Taste of Giving* program in the fall. This year, it is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019.

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For those younger people who are interested in philanthropy, the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation is open to applicants who will be entering grades 9-12 in the following school year. A program in its 16th year, the OJCYF grew out of a bar mitzvah project and concentrates on cultivating longterm dedication, responsibility, and appreciation for activism and giving. A number of Neveh Shalom teens have participated in this program over the years and it has helped foster the development of leadership skills, teaching its members how to serve on a board, work together to evaluate grant applications, and raise funds for projects.

If you would like to get involved with either program, inquiries about the Giving Council or OJCYF should be directed to Sonia Marie Leikam at 503.248.9328 or soniamariel@ojcf.org.



Neveh Shalom member and past OJCF Giving Council member Nicole Frisch

#### **Member News**

#### **Kvell With Us**



We are excited to share the news that Callie and Noah Barish (and big sister Samara and big brother Elijah) welcomed two new baby girls into their family, Aria Chana and Mira Elana, on November 27. Everyone is healthy and doing well!

**Mazel tov to Marla and Bob Weiner,** whose son **Matthew** was made partner in the law firm of Lorber, Greenfield, and Polito.

Todah rabah! Thank you very much to the CNS Men's Club for their generous donation of \$500 each to the Honigstock Education Fund and the Lesch Camp Fund.



Mazel tov to Diana Kay Lubarsky on the publication of her new novel, *Dante's Angels*. Visit: www.lulu.com/shop/diana-kay-lubarsky/dantes-angels/paperback/product-23867449.html.

Todah rabah! Thank you to Jack Kauppila of Hobo Bread, who donates his delicious homemade bread for Soup to the Streets.

Mazel tov to the Wnuk family – Danica, Josh, Rena and Isaac – on their new son and brother! Everyone is happy, healthy and excited!

Todah Rabah to everyone who brought in their bottles and cans for the ALIYAH bottle/can drive to be used for classroom furniture. We have raised over \$1000 since May 2018. Keep on bringing in those bottles and cans. Let's go for another \$1000!

**Mazel tov to Carol Isaak!** She was honored by *BETA - developments in photography*, an international photography journal from Australia, which published 20 of her photographs of India.

Mazel tov to Karen Twain on her retirement from the Tigard-Tualatin School District, where she served most recently as Assistant Superintendent. Karen plans to continue her advocacy work for education by joining the Children's Institute in July.

Mazel Tov to Bari Isaacson on her daughter Mia's marriage to Christopher Riefstahl. Mia is the granddaughter of Marvin (z"l) and Lorraine (z"l) Lippoff and the grand niece of congregant Rosalie Goodman. The couple lives in Portland.

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

We regret having to inform you of the passing of:

Mariya Morozova (z"l), mother of Gennadiy (Tatyana Estrina) Morozov.

Alter Wiener (z"l), father of Ron (Doreen) Wiener and Martin (Elaine) Wiener, grandfather of six and greatgrandfather to two.

**Lyubov Zlotnikova (z"l)**, mother of Inna (Vitaliy) Genovker and Simon Zlotnikov and grandmother of Victoria Genovker.

**Sidney Freedman (z"I)**, father of Nigel (Paula) Freedman and grandfather to Hannah and Leah Freedman.

**Lidiya Stelmakh (z"l)**, wife of Arkady Stelmach and mother of Alina Itkis,.

**Shoshana Jacoby (z"l)**, mother of Aviva (Andrew) Zigman and Talia (Jim) Braver.

Raquel Garber (z"l), mother of Rosana (Ricardo) Berdichevsky.

Shoshana Jacoby (z"l), mother of Aviva Zigman.

Barbara Young (z"l), sister to Ruth Roth.

**Ethel Katz Briller (z"l)**, mother to Brian (Barbara Atlas) Suher. She was mother to four, grandmother to 17 and great-grandmother to 25.

Maxwell Odell Diamond (z"l), father to Nancy Diamond.

**Dr. Harvey Carp (z"I)**, husband of Sylvie, father of Briana Carp and Jeremy Carp, and brother of Melanie (Art) Coble.

**Yevgenia Giterman (z"l)**, mother of Natalia Zurawska and Alla Piatski.

Elisa Lee Funes (z"I), mother to Janis (Paul Schlesinger) Shleifer-Rosenfeld and Denny (Barbara) Shleifer, sister to Mary (Richard) Peizner and nephew to the late Ben (Jeanette) Philan, z"I, grandmother to four and greatgrandmother to two.

Zorah Mizrachi, z"l, mother to Patricia (Phil) Tobin.

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# SEVEN DECADES OF RABBINIC IMPACT Honoring Rabbi Joshua Stampfer, His Life and Legacy By Sylvia Frankel

eventy years ago, Rabbi Joshua Stampfer was ordained as a rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York, along with fourteen other young men. Among the signers of the newly ordained rabbis' diplomas were rabbinic giants such as Abraham Joshua Heschel, Saul Lieberman, Louis Finkelstein, and Louis Ginsberg. They

were the giants of their day; Rabbi Stampfer is one of the giants of our day.

One of Rabbi Stampfer's classmates, Rabbi Hillel Silverman, took a year off in 1947, and together they spent a year in what was then Palestine. Their goal was to study at Hebrew University. Due to the unrest in the country, however, both rabbinical students ended up joining the Hagannah, the precursor of The Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

Rabbi Stampfer's first pulpit was in Lincoln, Nebraska. After a few years, he came to Portland where he served our congregation as rabbi for 40 years, and he is still serving our congregation as Rabbi Emeritus.

To mark the special anniversary of his ordination, Congregation Neveh Shalom is planning a celebratory ONEG SHABBAT on April 6, 2019 at 3:00pm. Following the Minhah service, Rabbi Stampfer will deliver a drash on Tikkun Olam, after which a panel of Portland rabbis will address "the role of the rabbi in the community."



A memory book will be presented to Rabbi Stampfer, and a Rabbi Joshua Stampfer Educational Endowment Fund will be established in his honor. It is hoped that many Neveh Shalom congregants will participate in both.

Mark your calendars, watch for more details, and plan to join in this wonderful simcha!



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Sun, March 24: NO ALIYAH/Adult Ed, 9:00am Morning Minyan, 12:30pm Unveiling for Mary Greenberg Weinsoft (z"l), AS, 2:00pm Shroud Crowd. Please note that due to space, classes that are a series and not drop in are only mentioned when it begins or if there is no class that day. These classes include: Sundays, 9:45am God for Grown-ups with Rabbi Kosak, 11:00am Beginning Hebrew; Tuesdays, 11:00am Mussar Class, 7:00pm Beginning Hebrew and Machon Ivrit, 7:30pm Moments of the Heart; Wednesdays, 6:30pm Learning to Leyn; Thursdays, 9:45am R. Isaak Class, 11:00am R. Stampfer Class, 6:30pm Hebrew for Prayer, 7:35pm Siddur Basics

# Mark Your Calendars and Join Congregation

#### Talmud Class with Rabbi Stampfer Tuesdays, 5:00pm, R. Stampfer's home

Bible Class with Rabbi Isaak Thursdays, 3:15pm, Room 111

## OJMCHE Exhibit Opening Sunday, March 3, 2:00pm

OJMCHE looks back at the determination, resilience, and leadership that have brought Portland's Conservative congregation through 150 years. Light refreshments will be provided. *The exhibit will run through May 27.* Free for CNS Members.

#### Sisterhood Girls Night Out! Tuesday, March 5, 7:00-9:00 pm

Join us for a special night of belly dancing with Laura Kosak—no experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing! Wine and refreshments will be served. \$5 for Sisterhood members, \$10 for non-members. RSVP to Sheryl Robert at chocosheryl@yahoo.com. All are welcome.

#### Science and Spirituality Lecture Series Presents: Organ Donation and Transplants: Ethics and Demographics Wednesday, March 6, 7:00-8:30pm

Join us for this special lecture by two Neveh Shalom members — Ingrid Siegman, Transplant Clinical Nurse Specialist at Portland VA, and Jennifer Antick, Health Psychology professor at Pacific University — all about the ethics of organ donation and transplants. More at: https://nevehshalom.org/science-spirit.

#### Rosh Chodesh Women's Wine(d) Down Thurs, Mar 7 & Sat, Apr 6, 7:00pm

Women in their 30-50s gather in a member's home to welcome the new Jewish month. Lightnosh & drinks provided. RSVP: eposen@nevehshalom.org.

#### SHIR! A Musical Shabbat Friday, Mar 8, Apr 12, 6:15pm

An enhanced musical service to enrich the soul – with Cantor Bitton, a band, and the Koleinu choir.

Women's Torah Study Sat, March 9, Apr 13, 12:30pm, Rm 111 Join Mel Berwin for uplifting learning & conversation – all levels welcome!



#### New Date: Sunday, March 17, 5:00pm

The CNS 2019 Auction will be here before you know it! There are many ways you can be a part of this community-wide effort by purchasing tickets, becoming a sponsor, volunteering, or donating items. All funds raised help sustain our wonderful programming, allow us to provide financial aid, outreach to those in need, and much, much more! To get involved, please visit: nevehshalom.org/auction2019 or contact programs@nevehshalom.org.

## Elizabeth Steiner Hayward Brunch & Talk Sun, March 10, 9:40am

Please join the Men's Club for a special talk with Senator and Doctor Elizabeth Steiner Hayward. Brunch served before the talk.

# Pages & Pixels: *Call Me By Your Name* Sunday, March 10, 4:00pm

Join us for a discussion of this book by Andre Aciman. Afterwards we will screen the film by the same name. Info: kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org.

# Israel360: Bassam Eid: Internal Palestinian Politics and Conflicts Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm

Explore an insider's view on the Palestinian leadership and prospects for a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Eid Bassem is a Jerusalem-based political analyst, human rights pioneer and an expert commentator in Arab and Palestinian affairs.

#### Men's Club Winterhawks Game Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm

Interested in joining the Men's Club for a night of hockey? \$25. Please contact: elovitzclan@comcast.net.

#### Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Eve Thursday, March 14, 3:00pm, MJCC

Join our group for relaxed study and good conversation. This month we will explore,

"Different learners, Different Temperaments: A rabbinic perspective on recognizing our strengths and weaknesses." There will be no class in April.

#### Dad's Night Out Thurs, March 14, April 11, 7:30pm

Join other dads raising Jewish kids for a night out. RSVP: programs@nevehshalom.org.

## Purim "Jungle-Themed" Celebration Wed, March 20, 6:00pm

Please join the CNS community for our annual dinner and Purim celebration with Megillah reading, music and fun. Everyone is welcome. RSVP for dinner at: tinyurl.com/CNSPurim5779.

#### Living Room Shabbat Friday, March 22, 8:00pm

Come for this casual, easy, and down-toearth style Shabbat in the Stampfer Chapel. This is in place of the 6:15pm service.

#### Men's Club Poker Tournament Sunday, March 31, 4:00-7:00pm

Join the Men's Club at their annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. Registration is \$40 by March 25. Open to everyone who are 18 and over. RSVP and more info: nevehshalomevent.maxgiving.com.

Please note: Programs are subject to change; please contact the office for mo

# Neveh Shalom for These Great Programs!

#### Wondering Jews Series Tuesdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, 2:00pm

**Mar:** Field Trip to the OJMCHE Exhibit. **Apr:** Rabbi Eve Presents on her Guatemala Trip. Questions: programs@nevehshalom.org.

# Science & Spirituality: Ancestral Ghosts in Your Genome: Can Trauma be Passed Down From One Generation to the Next? Wed, April 3, 7:00pm

In this lecture you will learn about the science behind trauma and what is being discovered about how it can be passed down in our genes. Guest speaker: Michael Skinner, Founding Director, Center for Reproductive Biology, Washington State University.

# Israel360: *My Israel Story* Thurs, April 4, 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of personal, Israel-related true stories at a MOTH-style storytelling event! If you feel inspired, put your name in the hat for the second half of the show to share a personal story about how an experience in Israel changed you, or impacted your life. Co-sponsored with CNS Mishpacha (Young Professionals), & Moishe House Portland.

#### SEVEN DECADES OF RABBINIC IMPACT Honoring Rabbi Joshua Stampfer: His Life and Legacy - Saturday, April 6, 3:00pm

Join us for this very special afternoon honoring Rabbi Stampfer's 70th anniversary of his rabbibic ordination. Mincha Service, sermon by Rabbi Stampfer, and a panel of three Portland rabbis discussing "The Role of a Rabbi in the Community", followed by an Oneg Shabbat. RSVP: programs@nevehshalom.org.

## Book Talk: *Paris Architect* Sunday, April 21, 4:00pm

Join us for a discussion of this book by Charles Belfoure. Info: kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org.

#### **Young Family & Youth**

Young Family Tot Shabbat (0-5 years) 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15am Zidell Chapel Kiddush Club for K-2nd Graders 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:15am, Rm 19

Torah Troop for 3rd-5th Graders 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:00am, Rm 102

#### Fourth Fridays w/ Rabbi Eve (age 0-6) Friday, Jan 25 & Feb 22, 5:15pm

Welcome Shabbat with music and stories; potluck dinner to follow. Contact Rabbi Eve for location: eposen@nevehshalom.org. Co-sponsored by PJ Library.

PJ Library Story Hour Most Sundays, 9:15am, Room 31 Join PJ Library for a fun morning of story telling and activity.

## Young Family Purim Celebration Wednesday, March 20, 5:15pm

Ages 0-5 and parents are welcome to join us for some Purim fun with singing, stories and art projects prior to the community-wide Purim dinner.

# CNS Family Shabbat Experience at Camp Solomon Schechter April 12-14, 2019

Families with children ages 0-2nd grade join together for a fantastic weekend. Together we'll celebrate Shabbat with family friendly services, activities & games. Adults will have time to relax as well. Sign up at: tinyurl.com/CNSFamilyCamp2019. More: eposen@nevehshalom.org.

#### **Lend a Hand**

#### Soup to the Streets Monday, March 4, 6:00pm

Congregants come together at Rabbi Kosak's home to prepare a hot meal and go to the streets to directly feed those that need it the most. RSVP and to donate food supplies: Irichmond@nevehshalom.org.

Never Again Coalition Monthly Meeting Mon, Mar 4, Apr 1, 7:00pm, Kol Shalom

#### Outside In Cooking Sunday, Apr 14, 12:00pm

Meet in the CNS Kitchen to do a mitzvah and help feed homeless teens. Info: Rick Botney, 8888octopus8888@gmail.com.

#### **Shroud Crowd**

Sunday, Mar 24 Apr 7, 2:00pm, 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.

# 2nd Night Community Seder Saturday, April 20, 6:00pm

Join the CNS community for a special 2nd night Passover Seder. This seder will be friendly for all ages and stages of life. Please keep your eye out for more information. Questions? 503.246.8831.



#### **Pesach Dinners at CNS**

Let us do the cooking! All events are open to the entire community. Bring your own Kosher for Passover wine if you wish.

**Sunday, April 21, 5:30pm**Join us for dinner & schmooze time.

#### Monday, April 22, 5:30pm

Join us for dinner and a showing of the film *Prince of Egypt*.

#### Tuesday, April 23, 5:30pm

Join us for dinner and optional board games night. Bring your favorite game and play with new friends.

Wednesday, April 24, 5:30pm Join us for dinner & schmooze time. 57792019

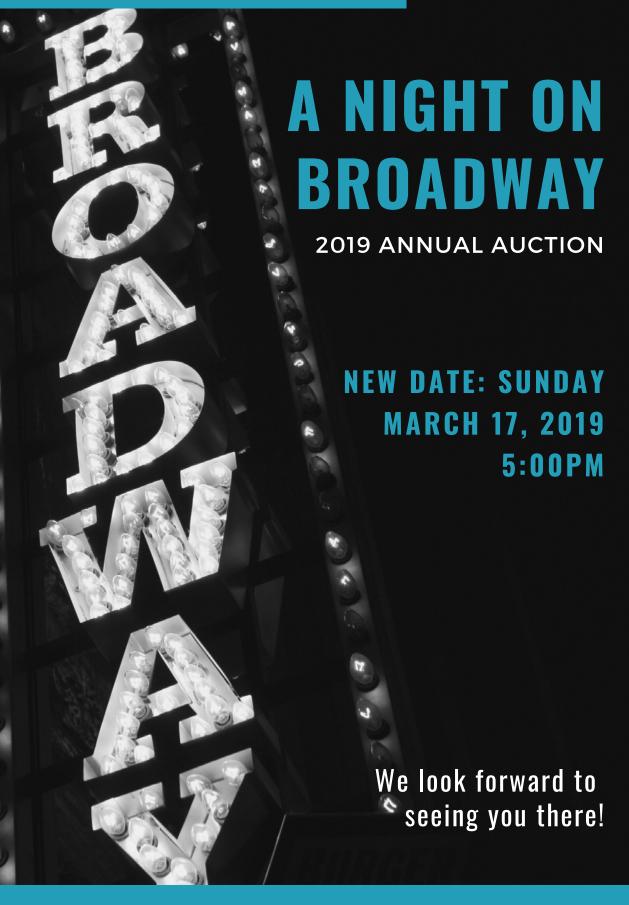


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For donation and sponsorship opportunities, please contact

Lindsay von Colditz: programs@nevehshalom.org, 503.293.7313

# INTERNAL PALESTINIAN POLITICS AND CONFLICT:



An insider's view on the Palestinian leadership and the prospects for a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Bassem Eid is a Jerusalem-based Palestinian political analyst and human rights pioneer. He is an expert commentator on Arab and Palestinian affairs and the recipient of several human rights awards. In 1996, Eid founded the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, and in 2016, he became chair of the Center for Near East Policy Research.

Cosponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and Congregation Neveh Shalom Israel 360

Tuesday, March 12
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Congregation Neveh Shalom
2900 SW Peaceful Lane

No charge for admission/no RSVP required

For more information, contact Bob Horenstein, bob@jewishportland.org / 503-245-6496 or Tori receptionist@nevehshalom.org / 503-246-8831







# March 20th

6pm dinner followed by Megillah reading



# Celebrate Purim at our Jungle-themed celebration!

Music, Delicious Food and Community!

Tickets: \$14 adult/\$7 kids/\$42 max\* RSVP: tinyurl.com/CNSPurim5779

\*Included with Young Family Shul Pass. You will still need to RSVP.

Costumes welcome!

Congregation Neveh Shalom 2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland, OR, 97239 503.246.8831 ~ Birnbach Hall



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

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Birnbach Hall, Congregation Neveh Shalom Doors open: 4:00pm ~ Tournament: 5:00-9:00pm

> Two levels of support are available: **PLAYER:** \$40/registration **EVENT SPONSOR:** \$100/registration, free add-on, and acknowledgement

**REGISTRATION DUE DATE: March 25, 2019** Registrations post marked after March 25 will cost \$10 more.

Register now to hold your spot for this fantastic event. Your registration includes: coffee, soft drinks, beer, hors d'oeuvres, bagels & spreads and tournament play. Event is open to men and women 18 and over.

You will be playing for a prize pool of \$700\*. Top 6 players will earn prizes. Add-ons and re-buys will be available.

#### CHARITY TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Register on-line at https://nevehshalomevent.maxgiving.com

To pay by check, please make it out to **Neveh Shalom Men's Club** and mail your check and the bottom of this form by March 25, 2019 (Registrations post marked after March 25 will cost \$10 more) to:

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

Circle your level of support: Event Sponsor / Player	Amount Enclosed:			
Name:	Address:			
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You will receive email confirmation and reminders. Sorry no refunds, but substitutions are permitted. Your registration fee is tax deductible as permitted by law. Approximate value of donation is \$30. You must be 21 or over to consume alcoholic beverages. This Texas Hold 'Em tournament will be run by Ubetcha Entertainment and all tournament rules and decisions are at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. \*Our prize pool of \$700 is based on 50 paid registrations and will be in the form of Visa gift cards.





ISRAEL360, CNS MISHPACHA, AND MOISHE HOUSE PORTLAND PRESENTS

# MY ISRAEL STORY

Join us for an evening of personal, Israel-related true stories at a MOTH-style storytelling event! If you feel inspired, put your name in the hat for the second half of the show to share a personal story about how an experience in Israel changed you, or impacted your life.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 | 7-9PM | STAMPFER CHAPEL

Neveh Shalom | 2900 SW Peaceful Lane | Portland | OR | 97239 | 503.246.8831











# PLANNING FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS

CNS is a Red Cross-designated emergency shelter for our neighborhood

We need help outfitting our synagogue in case we need to shelter a large number of people (children, congregants, or neighbors) for days or weeks. We are collecting supplies for clean water, healthful food, and bedding, as well as creating space to store these resources on our campus.

There are three easy ways to contribute:

Amazon Registry ~ Easy online purchases ~ CNS donation

Links to contribute and more info at: nevehshalom.org/emergency-resource-drive

