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God, Siddhartha, and Sarah Susanka: Who We Are Now

By Rabbi David Kosak

In this issue of the Chronicle, our focus is on “this is us now.” Within these pages you will encounter beautiful tributes to the incredible activity occurring within our building, and updates on the progress of our 150th Funding the Future campaign. You can “kvell” about Fred Rothstein, read about one of our dedicated families, take a glance at some of our amazing b’nei mitzvah students, and hear about a wonderful upcoming concert on June 2nd (when I unfortunately will be out of town). You will encounter, in other words, countless details of who we are right now. In that way, this issue is a wonderful snapshot of many things in which we should take pride.

As I thought about this *Chronicle’s* theme, I wondered: what would Neveh Shalom look like from God’s perspective? This question arose because it’s much easier to talk about the past or imagine the future. After all, if we look back at our history, time has clarified our community’s enduring values—and many details have also been forgotten. If we look forward, we can imagine all we would like to become. Such dreams are quite safe in the present moment.

It’s hard to read the present accurately. What I mean is that in the busy-ness of our daily week, we sometimes lack the necessary perspective to know what really matters. If you think about it, most of the time, our minds are occupied with many minor matters. In the heat of the moment, they seem to have great consequence. Later, when put into perspective, many of those same things have become peripheral.

This is true for people and societies; even epochs can miss the central issue of their time. Is it also true for the life of a congregation? None of us, alas, get to view our lives from God’s point of view.

But the power of human imagination can at the least bring us closer to that Divine perspective.

In thinking about this, two very different books sprung to mind to offer some guidance. One is Herman Hesse’s 60s classic, *Siddhartha*. The other is Sarah Susanka’s best-selling work, *The Not So Big House*. Together they offer a way to think of Neveh Shalom as our living, dynamic community turns 150 years old.

Siddhartha is a religious tale of self-discovery. Even though it was published in the 1920s, it became a defining book of the 1960s. As many of that era were throwing off societal expectations and traditional life paths, this timeless tale became, if not a guidebook, a manifesto of finding your own way and being your own individual.

Set in the time of the Buddha, Siddhartha is a person of privilege in pursuit of spiritual riches. His search for religious illumination meanders. He discards the life of wealth into which he was born, only to become rich again to prove himself to a woman he loves. He attains some remarkable spiritual attainments, only to abandon those gifts as his own journey demands he keep moving, first entering business, then starting a family, before later life allows him to seek a quieter existence.

As a teenager, I was bothered by this, and maybe that disturbance presaged my path to the rabbinate. Why would someone work so hard on their spiritual growth, develop genuine powers, and then walk away from that attainment? I didn’t understand.

Looking back on this story, it is clearer that we learn from *Siddhartha* that our life is not what we think. The destination we imagine may not be where we end

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up or the highest good. God and destiny work in ways we can’t predict. Yet there is a purpose and a trajectory to each of our lives and the life of our community. If the founders of CNS were alive to see who we are today, they hopefully would be proud of who and what we have become. Simultaneously, they would be shocked. There are many ways that we are not what they imagined, a point that Rabbi Isaak compellingly made at a synagogue gathering a few months back.

The lessons contained within *The Not So Big House* offer another take. Susanka appeared on the national scene at a time when America was experiencing the growth of “MacMansions.” These oversized homes on small lots maximized internal square footage, and therefore, it was assumed, living space for a family. They often featured soaring entrance halls and massive great rooms. Yet as our houses grew, many people found themselves dissatisfied. These dream houses were not becoming the homes families imagined.

Seeing this gap, Sarah Susanka explained what many architects always knew. It is not the size of the building that matters, but how the events and activities within

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This is the Day

By Rabbi Eve Posen

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"Zeh hayom asah Adonai, nagilah v'nismecha bo."

This is the day that God has created, we should rejoice and celebrate it.

We recite these words as a part of *Hallel*, the additional service of praise we add to most holidays. It reminds us to note that this day is special, this day is sacred, and we should embrace and celebrate it for all that it is.

And we truly have much to celebrate. We are a community of families large and small, young and young at heart. We are a community that supports 28 young-family-specific events each year in addition to our Tot Shabbat, Kiddush Club, and Torah Troop programs twice monthly. Our youth groups provide intimate points of connection for our young people as they grow from kindergarten through high school, and cement the learning that goes on in ALIYAH and Tichon.

As a synagogue, we rejoice with one another at new babies and first steps,

at graduation, weddings, and so much more. We support each other through trauma and heartbreak, through loss and change. And at the end of every crazy, stressful, or uplifting week, we come together to praise God for the joy of Shabbat, of our community, of what it means to be together.

Zeh hayom. Today is the day for CNS. We should rejoice in the community we have built over the last 150 years and the members who hold it together. And we should rejoice at what the future holds for the next 150. Congregation Neveh Shalom is a community that embraces, nourishes, and supports the next generation of our Jewish community. The sounds of joy in our building, from the bustling Foundation School to the hard-at-work bar and bat mitzvah students, are the sounds of our future. Without this joyful noise, where would the future be for our community and for Judaism



as a whole? Thankfully, at CNS we have youth and the spirit of youth in all ages in abundance, a sign of our thriving future. This is the day. We should rejoice in our strength, rejoice in the sweetness and vibrancy that is our community.

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them flow. In addition to this, the flow of air, light, and design define space, helping us to feel protected, energized, calm, or satisfied. Susanka demonstrated repeatedly how attention to many small matters can lead to an outsized effect. Ultimately, such small beauty is deeply humanizing, and the clients who approached Susanka for help finally found the home they were seeking all along.

Taken together, I think these two books provide some deep lessons about who we are as a living community. First, no thing and no person are really small. When properly conceived as part of the whole, they make a large impact. The artwork of a young

child in Foundation School. A conversation between two congregants, unburdening their troubles. An \$18 check to an Inclusion Fund. These are the details that define our community's spiritual architecture. From God's vantage, they are as real as our walls or our "big ticket" programming.

Second, *Siddhartha* reminds us that "What you search for is not necessarily the same as what you find. When you let go of the searching, you start finding." Each one of us has a path of integrity to live. Sometimes we are seeking spiritual deepening; other times we have to focus more closely on the needs of our families. Sometimes we are deeply involved and connected with our

synagogue kehilla; other times we content ourselves with idling in the eddies.

Life is like a river. Spiritual life most definitely is. And you can't really capture all that a river is, just like you can't fully see the present moment. But I'd like to imagine that when God sees our amazing congregational family, every person and each journey are equally present. How beautiful we must appear!

What do you think Neveh Shalom, our little Oasis of Peace, looks like to God? What would stand out?

With love from the here and now, *Rav D*

Where We Are

President's Corner

By Jason Kaufman, President

Recently, I attended the opening of the exhibit at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education that does a wonderful job of highlighting our first 150 years. If you haven't seen the exhibit, I encourage you to make time to see it before it closes on May 26, 2019. What impresses me the most about our history is that there were many times when it might have been easier just to close the doors rather than spring back and continue to thrive when so many other organizations have not. This is what I love about our kehillah — we have always been able to find lay leaders (along with our dedicated staff, clergy, and executive director) to step up and be the inspiration we need. One such example is our recent auction, where co-chairs **Marissa Richardson and Mike Khavul** had the added burden of rescheduling our largest annual fundraiser due to weather. As you may know, our auction was a tremendous success, and we thank them and their wonderful committee, along with our staff members, who put love and passion into all they do (and I personally look forward to Cantor Bitton topping his outstanding video

next year). Without this leadership and the funds raised, we would not be able to provide scholarships to many in our congregation and support other initiatives that have made us a respected and growing Conservative synagogue. I also want to thank everyone who attended or gave their time as a volunteer, those who donated items, and everyone who gave their financial resources. This example is repeated daily at CNS. It is why I am confident that we can complete our CNS 150 fundraising efforts in 2019 and put ourselves on a great path for the next 150 years.

An additional example of great care comes from those who sit around a table during our budget discussion for the upcoming year. Besides Fred Rothstein and the staff, who bring to this group a balanced budget as a starting point, the members of the finance committee led by **Mark Kalenscher**, plus the Board of Directors, which has the ultimate responsibility for being a fiduciary, ensure that your contributions and other resources are put to use in the best possible manner. I hope that when you receive your 2019-20 membership information, the resulting wide variety of



staff, programs, and events will inspire you to do all you can to support CNS during the year ahead.

Finally, it is amazing that in a couple of months, I will have served one year as your President. To you, the members of CNS, thank you for your comments, suggestions, complaints, ideas, support, encouragement, and interest. It is an honor to serve. Please reach out at anytime. I am happy to answer your call, email, or text, or to meet in person.

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Celebrating CNS 150 Through Music

By Cantor Eyal Bitton

I decided to call the upcoming CNS 150 concert *This is Us* for several reasons. One was that it would be clear to anyone that this concert would be about us, about Congregation Neveh Shalom. Another was because the title itself is well known; it's the title of an extremely popular TV show. Unlike many TV shows or movies, there is no lead role, no central character. This is about a family and their triumphs and tribulations. It's about their bonds to each other. It's about family sticking together through good times and difficult times. It's about sharing experiences, supporting one another, helping each other, and finding meaning in life. This is what synagogue life is.

The concert will be a celebration of our synagogue and our values rather than a list of all the departments, staff members, and volunteers that are essential to the health and well-being of our shul. Who are we as Jews? What do we stand for as a community? What do we believe in? How do we identify as Jews?

These are the concepts being explored at the concert.

I am excited about sharing the stage with a Neveh Shalom favorite, Ilene Safyan, and my incredibly talented wife, Michele Tredger. As a cantor and a concert performer, I can tell you that it is extremely rewarding to perform with individuals who are experienced, professional, gifted, and who are a joy to spend time with. This will definitely be the case at the June 2 concert.

If you haven't had the pleasure of hearing Michele, I encourage you to visit her website at www.micheletredger.com.

I'm also thrilled that Chris Hardin will be our musical director. Last December, Cantor Phil Baron of Valley Beth Shalom in Los Angeles contacted me to let me know that Chris was moving to the Portland area and to rave about Chris. In addition to being VBS's musical director, Chris is known as a coveted pianist and arranger for cantors and other soloists,

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has led ensembles for Tovah Feldshuh, Theodore Bikel, Merv Griffin, Goldie Hawn, Frankie Laine, and many others. He also has hundreds of arrangements, symphonic orchestrations, and choir charts being performed around the world. For more on Chris, please visit www.chrishardinmusic.com.

The concert, which will feature narration by Rabbi Eve Posen and which will be backed up by the Koleinu Choir, is going to be entertaining, moving, and fun. It'll leave you proud of who we are and excited about our future.

Welcome Michelle Caplan to the CNS Team

Big change is happening at Neveh Shalom. We are sad to say goodbye to **Lindsay von Colditz** as our Membership and Engagement Director. We wish her well and are excited that she will still be engaged as an active member.

We are also excited to welcome back **Michelle Caplan** as the congregation's new Membership and Engagement Director. Michelle is a familiar face in the Jewish community and at Neveh Shalom. A Jewish communal professional for

18+ years, she used to be the Membership Director here at Neveh Shalom and is excited to be back. Michelle and Jon have two children who have grown up at Neveh Shalom and who have benefited from the amazing programs at Foundation School, ALIYAH, and Tichon. Jennifer (19) is a freshman at the University of Oregon, and Andrew (16) is a sophomore at Beaverton High School.

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Lindsay von Colditz and Michelle Caplan



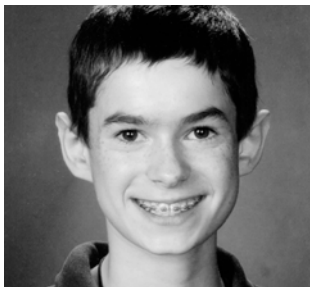
Etai Cohen - May 4

Etai Cohen is the son of Louis (Ted) and Shirli Cohen, brother to Noa, Tal, and Bilbo (miniature schnauzer dog) and grandson of Moshe and Miriam, z"l, Kepten, Helen Toporek, and Herbert Norman Cohen, z"l. Etai is a 7th grader at Odyssey at East Sylvan. Etai loves music; he has played classical piano since he was six years old and for the last three years he has also been playing drums, and acoustic and electric guitar. He is playing in "Show Band" representing School of Rock in Lake Oswego. Etai also participates in track and field.



Tali Raizel Greenfield - May 11

Tali Greenfield is the daughter of Lisa and Scott Greenfield, younger sister to Mayah, and the granddaughter of William S. Cohen (z"l) and Miriam Cohen of Los Angeles, CA, Barbara and Michael Milton of Silver Spring, MD, and Michael Greenfield and Claire Halpern of St. Louis, MO. Tali is a 7th grader at Lakeridge Junior High School. She loves acting, singing, and dancing at Spotlight Theatre Academy, and will participate in a travel troupe performance in NYC this June. She spends her summers at Camp Miriam in beautiful British Columbia, and loves to spend any free time snuggling with the family cats.



James Cantor - May 18

James Cantor is the son of Sarah and Steve Cantor and brother to David and Dorothy. He is the grandson of Steve and Nancy Kneipple of Denver, Colorado, Arnold Cantor of Vero Beach, Florida, and Marilyn Wolf (z"l). James is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School. He enjoys playing the trumpet in the school band and teaching himself songs on the piano. He plays offense for Wilson Youth Lacrosse.



JJ Klein-Wolf – May 25

JJ Klein-Wolf is the daughter of Lisa Klein-Wolf and Michael Wolf. Her grandparents Arlene and Tom Klein live in Wellington, FL, and her grandparents Madeline and Ken Wolf live in Los Angeles, CA. JJ is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School, where her favorite classes are Science and Drama/Improv. JJ loves to play the ukulele, hang out with friends, and write pieces of all kinds. She spends her time volunteering and competing in all-star elite cheerleading all over the country.



Jensen Gilbert– June 22

Jensen Gilbert is the daughter of Ellie and Andy Gilbert. She is the granddaughter of Louis and M'Liss Gilbert and Mylli and Dennis Zdunek. Jensen is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School, where she enjoys studying Math and Science, and singing in the Ensemble and Concert Choirs. Jensen plays piano, dances, and swims. Her passions include making slime, NASA space missions, and sleepovers with friends. She is compassionate, kind, and full of life.

This is Us: ALIYAH STUDENTS

By Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning

We interviewed a few of our ALIYAH students from 1st grade and 6th grade about their lives, families, and experience of CNS.

Tell me something interesting that happened this week.

Erez: I learned how to do a new flip.

Adira: Everyone wrote me birthday cards, and I lost two teeth.

Dora: I went to a camp on a school bus and was in Highland Games.

Blaze: I'm learning how to skateboard.

Elliot: We took a vacation during Spring Break to the Bay Area.

How long has your family been part of Neveh Shalom?

Erez: Since I was 2 or 3.

Adira: Since I was 3.

Dora: I'm the first person in my family to go to Neveh Shalom, and I was in the Kitty Cats class.

Blaze: Since I was in 1st grade.

Elliot: My dad was here since preschool, and my grandparents are members too. My grandma JoAnn Raiton taught in the Foundation School for 20 years.

You've been to other synagogues with family or friends. What do you think makes Neveh Shalom special?

Erez: Dinner on Wednesdays, with cookies.

Adira: There's parties like on Purim.

Dora: We have the stone that's shaped like the Torah.

Blaze: I like how it's such a big congregation. I went to living room Shabbat, and it was relaxing and felt like a big family.

Elliot: I agree. Everything we do here is more fun. You learn a lot more here, but it's always fun.

What is your favorite thing about ALIYAH?

Erez: I like how on Sundays when we're with Morah Hani we made Torah projects and we got to sing Ma Nishtana.

Adira: On Sunday there are crafts.

Dora: You get to come to a place that teaches you a language of your family that you don't know how to speak.

Blaze: In 6th grade we get "homework," and I like how you can use your time for practicing with a teacher or on your own. You can also work on a mural and save homework for another time. I like how it's our choice.

Elliot: I like how everyone can work at their own pace. That gives people the opportunity to teach others who might not have as many prayers done. The students get to also be teachers.

What is your favorite holiday, and why?

Erez: Chanukah because I am very good at spinning a dreidel and I get to light the Menorah.



1st Graders: Dora Fortgang, Adira Letts, and Erez Lufrano

Adira: Chanukah because we get lots of presents and it's my sister's birthday.

Dora: Purim because I really like dressing up in costumes and I love making mini-hamantaschen with my family.

Blaze: Purim because I like how smart Mordechai and Queen Esther were. My grandfather also likes Purim, and he wrote a book about it.

Elliot: Pesach because not only do I get to see a lot of my family but there's always something new to learn.

What's something special about your family?

Erez: When I was little, my grandma used to pick me up from school and take me to her house.

Adira: My baby sister is at the age of crawling, but she's not crawling.

Dora: My great-great aunt died when she was 107.

Blaze: We're very pushy when it comes to learning new things. When we have a long drive, my mom and I practice for my bar mitzvah. She's learning all the tropes along with me.

Elliot: We're all Jewish, and we all really like learning new things and exploring new topics and languages.



6th Graders: Elliot Raiton and Blaze Rosenfeld

The Osherow Family

By Eadie Kaltenbacher

A fresh cool breeze on a summer afternoon. A quick drive across town on a weekday morning. A laid-back, casual, comfortable vibe. Southern California offered exactly zero of these attributes, so **Mia Osherow and Dave Chapman** began their search for a new hometown in the spring of 2008. After considering several other cities on the “Left Coast” they moved here to Portland that summer and haven’t looked back.

Their first daughter **Amelia** was born in 2012, and the family joined CNS around the same time. Mia was raised in a Conservative synagogue, and she wanted the same experience for her children. Mia described the people at CNS as “comfortable, welcoming, open, and kind.” The following year, when Rabbi Eve Posen began her role as Assistant Rabbi, she was pleasantly surprised to see a familiar face. The two had previously worked together at the same synagogue in Thousand Oaks, California. This connection further strengthened Mia and Dave’s commitment to CNS.

The family brought Amelia to Tot Shabbat as a toddler, and she began attending Foundation School in the “Ducky” class when she was three. Mia and Dave were thrilled with the program and with how well Amelia was thriving there.



Three generations of Osherow women lighting Shabbat candles

Mia has been active as a co-chair of the Shoreshim (Young Families) group, planning and organizing activities to engage families with children ages 0-5.

Two years ago, the family welcomed baby **Collette** to the family, and they are again attending Tot Shabbat and planning for another round of Foundation School beginning this fall. They see Neveh Shalom as reflecting their own traditions and priorities, and offering a high-quality education for their daughters. Mia says she plans on seeing her girls have their b'not mitzvah at CNS.

Mia’s brother **Evan** found his way to Portland shortly afterwards — and after hearing Mia’s rave reviews of CNS, he began attending kids’ services, events, and activities with his wife **Meredith** and daughters **Uma and Cora**. He explained that he appreciates hearing the same songs and prayers that he remembers from his childhood, and passing those traditions on to his young girls. Evan also deeply values that the next generation of cousins gets to know each other and share their common roots at such a formative age.

As Mia, Evan, and their respective families settled into their new city, they began to realize that there was a missing piece: their parents. **Linda and Michael** were still living in Ohio, but six years ago they decided to pull up their roots and relocate to Portland when Mia and Evan asked them to come.

Their previous congregation in Ohio was Conservative, and CNS seemed like a natural fit, especially because of their granddaughters’ involvement. At first, the large size of CNS seemed overwhelming, but Linda and Michael quickly discovered the small groups where they could find their best fit and connections. Linda is active in Sisterhood, working



The Osherows Celebrating Shabbat

in the gift shop, and participating in fundraising events. Michael is involved with the Men’s Club activities, and has also served on the Ritual Committee and on the Board of Directors. Both attend services regularly, often offering their time as greeters and ushers, and enjoy morning minyan several times a week. They were also involved in the Rabbinical Search committee.

Linda and Michael have also made an effort to support the younger families of CNS. They attend Tot Shabbat services with their preschool-age granddaughters, and enthusiastically cheer on Amelia at ALIYAH events. They even participated in the Foundation School’s annual Walk-a-thon, which raises funds for the preschool program.

Finally, Linda and Michael are big fans of the Mavens and Menches program. This initiative brings together Mavens (more experienced families) and Mensches (ALIYAH seventh-graders) to learn from each other. Linda and Michael have formed deep bonds with their Mensches, with Michael being honored as a gabbai at two of their Mensches b’nai mitzvot.

Some of our member families have been active in Neveh Shalom for generations, while others have made the choice to join our community relatively recently. The Osherows are a rare combination, both recent arrivals and an intergenerational family. We look forward to seeing their story grow in the years to come.

CNS 150: A Pictorial Look at Where We Came From - Part II, 1950s-Present

By Rachael Walkinshaw, the Sara Glasgow Cogan Judaic Studies Intern at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. All images are from the archives at OJMCHE.



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1950s: Rabbi Joshua Stampfer arrived in Portland with his young family to assume the pulpit at Ahavai Sholom in 1953. With seemingly endless enthusiasm, Rabbi Stampfer has worked for more than 65 years within Neveh Shalom and in the greater Portland Jewish community to share his passion for Judaism and Jewish education with learners of all ages. He has created numerous programs and institutions, including Camp Solomon Schechter, the Institute for Judaic Studies, and Jewish Historical Society of Oregon. In the 1980s he founded the Oregon Holocaust Resource Center and the Oregon Jewish Museum, which would later merge to become the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education.

Photo caption: Rabbi Joshua Stampfer with his wife, Goldie, and their three sons, Shaul, Meir, and Noam, z"l, 1954.

1950s: One of Rabbi Stampfer's first tasks was to expand Jewish education to include Ahavai Sholom's youngest members, creating a preschool program which would later become the Foundation School. With limited religious school options, many parents from smaller congregations sent their children to Ahavai Sholom for Jewish education. Neveh Zedek struggled to attract young families due partly to the lack of space in their building. An article in a 1957 Neveh Zedek synagogue bulletin encouraged members to enroll their children in religious school, urging parents to "let them sink their spiritual roots deeply down in the rich soil of their religious heritage."

Photo caption: Foundation School first-grade class with teacher Leah Rubin, 1973.



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1950s: The participation of women in religious rituals at Ahavai Sholom appears to have started in the early 1950s. (In the OJMCHE archives we found a Neveh Zedek bulletin from 1937 asking for parents of prospective bar or bat mitzvah youth to contact the rabbi for planning, but we have no clear evidence that any bat mitzvahs actually took place.) Including women in religious practice was part of the progressive values that Portland's two Conservative congregations embraced. Linda Potter, Ahavai Sholom's first bat mitzvah in 1953, received strong encouragement and support from Rabbi Stampfer.

Photo caption: Newsletter of Congregation Ahavai Sholom announcing the bat mitzvah of Linda Potter, 1953.



1950s: The history of Neveh Shalom would not be complete without mention of Major Pruitt. He came to Ahavai Sholom in 1954 as the caretaker, and though he was not Jewish, he spent his lifetime learning everything he could about Jewish practice and law to lovingly fulfill a wide range of duties – organizing weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other events, dutifully keeping track of yahrzeits, and supervising the synagogue’s kosher kitchen. A beloved and devoted part of congregational life for more than 40 years, Major’s stature and presence affected congregants of all ages. Once, the five-year old daughter of Judy Margles, director of OJMCH, told her mother she had a dream about God. When pressed to describe what God looked like, she answered wistfully, “Major.”

Photo caption: Major Pruitt organizing tallitot, n.d.

1960s: In 1961 Neveh Zedek and Ahavai Sholom voted to merge, despite each congregation’s fears about losing their autonomy and unique character. This decision was not an easy one, nor was the debate about where to locate their new, larger home. These issues had been unsuccessfully raised in the past – twice before the two congregations had considered merging (in 1895 the two did merge but after one year decided to separate again, perhaps due to differences in worship styles), and both congregations had considered moving to the east side at different times before ultimately staying in southwest Portland. After the merger, SW Peaceful Lane became the agreed-upon location on because of its large space, affordability, and proximity to the Robison Home and a growing Jewish community in that area. The dedication of the synagogue and school took place in 1965, ushering in an era of stability after the tumultuous previous decade for Neveh Shalom.



Photo caption: Neveh Shalom building under construction, 1964.



1960s: In its new home the religious school grew to an unprecedented size, with 542 children enrolled in 1965. Education for all ages expanded, with adult classes on traditional and modern subjects, exploring civil and social issues from a Jewish perspective. Rabbi Stampfer led book discussions, and the congregation hosted notable speakers including Robert F. Kennedy, Chaim Potok, and Abraham Joshua Heschel. They addressed a wide range of topics covering civil rights, Israel, local politics, and Jewish theology.

Photo caption: On May 27, 1968, then-presidential candidate Robert Kennedy spoke at Neveh Shalom, wearing a yarmulke, in support of the State of Israel. Just days later he was assassinated by a Jordanian man, distressed by his support for Israel.

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1970s: Women began taking on more leadership roles in the congregation, stepping beyond the Sisterhood's traditional role in fundraising and education to assume positions of both spiritual and lay leadership. In 1967 Min Zidell became the first woman to serve on the board, and in 1976 Carolyn Weinstein became the first female executive director. Also in 1976, as Neveh Shalom officially affirmed the equality of females within the congregation, women began to wear tallit and tefillin, to read from the Torah, and participate in other religious rituals. In 1978 the congregation elected Elaine Cogan to be its first female president, one of the first women nationally to hold this position before her husband. When in 1978 Cantor Linda Shivers came to Neveh Shalom, she also became the congregation's first, and one of the nation's first, female spiritual leaders.

Photo caption: Cantor Linda Shivers, C. 1990s.

1980s: As Jews across the country turned their attention to the persecution of Soviet Jewry, so too did Neveh Shalom. Rabbi and Goldie Stampfer traveled to the Soviet Union to smuggle Jewish objects and books to Jews there, and their son, Shaul, organized a protest in Portland. The congregation held lectures to educate members on Soviet policies toward Jews, fundraisers to help with their resettlement in Portland, and established a cultural club to help the new wave of Jewish immigrants adjust to life in America, just as Portland's congregations had in generations before.

Photo caption: Rabbi Stampfer signs ketubah at a wedding of Soviet Jews at Neveh Shalom, 1991.



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1990s: In 1993, after serving Neveh Shalom and Portland's Jewish community for 40 years, Rabbi Stampfer retired, becoming the congregation's first Rabbi Emeritus and continuing to this day to teach and participate in congregational life. He was succeeded by Rabbi Daniel Isaak, who served as Senior Rabbi from 1993 until 2015. Like his predecessor, Rabbi Isaak led the congregation in thoughtful dialogues through a Jewish lens about modern issues which included LGBTQ rights, Muslim-Jewish relations, and environmental responsibility.

Photo caption: Rabbi Isaaks teaches Neveh Shalom Religious School students to lay tefillin, n.d.

Present: Today Neveh Shalom is maintaining its long tradition of balancing Jewish customs and rituals with progressive values, and continuing in its commitment to bring Jewish values into the concerns of the modern world. With a rich diversity of educational opportunities for all ages, the congregation is more open than ever before to new conversations about how to carry Jewish tradition progressively forward into the future.

Photo caption: Rabbis Eve Posen, Joshua Stampfer, and David Kosak, 2018.



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18 Years as Our Executive Director!

By Rachel Nelson, Danit Rothstein, and Jeremy Rothstein

As 2019 marks Fred's 18th year as Executive Director of Neveh Shalom, it is worth taking the time to look back on his many life accomplishments, shared by his children.

Son, brother, friend, youth director, husband, father, executive director, doctor, president, and now *Saba Sababa* (Awesome Grandpa) to his three grandchildren. These are just some of the many titles that Fred Rothstein has had over the years.

Growing up in Los Angeles, Fred was highly involved with USY, where he served on the board and helped to create the position of SA/TO (Social Action and Tikkun Olam) Vice President. Between high school and college, he spent a year in Israel on a leadership program before enrolling in UCLA, where he helped found the Bayit (a residential community for Jewish students) and served as youth advisor to several congregations. He later received an MSW and a Master's in Jewish Communal Service in a dual program offered by Hebrew Union College and Washington University in St. Louis.

"When I think of Fred, I think of a self-differentiated leader, positive in nature, gently steering the ship of Neveh Shalom as we celebrate our 150th anniversary together." - Rabbi Kosak

After graduating, he became Program Director of the North Valley JCC in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. In 1983, along with his wife Nora and their infant daughter Rachel (a writer of this article), he migrated north to Portland, Oregon, where he held the job of Program Director and later Executive Director at the MJCC. During this time, his children Jeremy and Danit were born.

In the late 1990s, Neveh Shalom em-



TOP: Noa Nelson, Fred Rothstein, Jason Nelson, Jeremy Rothstein, Alison Stock, Candice Rothstein

BOTTOM: Rachel Nelson, Nora Rothstein, Danit Rothstein

barked on a strategic plan with three goals: to hire an assistant rabbi, to expand and renovate the building, and to hire an executive director. Eighteen years ago this March, the third goal was achieved by hiring Fred as Executive Director.

Since then, the synagogue has flourished, adding an assistant rabbi, and in 2008 it completed an expansion and renovation of the building, making it LEED certified. Meanwhile, Fred also took on a leadership role in the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE), most recently being installed as president (Rabbi Kosak was honored to be there to install him). Additionally, in 2005 he received an honorary doctorate from Hebrew Union College for 25 years of service to the Jewish community.

Apart from all the accolades and experience, Fred has been an inspiration to his three children. Two of them, Rachel

and Danit, have followed in the "family business." Rachel has been at the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland for more than six years, and Danit currently works for the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Jeremy and Danit both went on gap-year programs in Israel, and Jeremy remains a dedicated volunteer at the synagogue and is active in Jewish life.

Most recently, in 2017, Fred took on his biggest role yet: that of *Saba Sababa* to Noa, daughter of Rachel and Jason Nelson. He delights in watching her cover her eyes when saying the *Sh'ma* and seeing her flourish at Foundation School. His role has expanded even further to include their son Asher, born in March of this year, and Danit and Candace Rothstein's daughter Havah "Havi," born in April.

All of his children are delighted to be a part of Jewish life at CNS and look forward to growing our families here. We are thankful to our father for his leadership in growing this congregation and ensuring that Jewish life in Portland will continue to flourish for generations to come.

This Is Us: A CNS 150 Concert



Sunday, June 2 at 7:00pm

By Debra Shein

What is Congregation Neveh Shalom today? Who, exactly, is “us”? In honor of CNS 150, Cantor Eyal Bitton is putting together a gala concert of popular music that will answer these questions through song. “I am confident that people will have a fantastic musical experience, a wonderful time,” he affirms. “There will be moments for toe tapping, moments for smiles, and also moments for reflection.”

In addition to the Cantor’s soulful stylings, “This Is Us” will feature the voices of Ilene Safyan, Michele Tredger, the Koleinu Choir, and a band led by well-known composer/orchestrator/music director/conductor/performer Chris Hardin. “I love that when I put on a musical it’s not just my voice but different elements and styles the audience can connect to,” says the Cantor. In addition, Rabbi Eve Posen will narrate. Cantor Linda Shivers was also asked to join in, but unfortunately will be out of town.

According to Cantor Bitton, the songs



Ilene Safyan

that he’s chosen for the concert have been selected to highlight the values of CNS — Torah, community, egalitarianism, tolerance, tikkun olam, peace, etc. — and reveal what we are all about today. He emphasizes that this will *not* be a cantorial concert, but rather an energetic and energizing experience with lots of surprise numbers further enhanced by video projections that will provide background on themes and add a dynamic element to the show.

Chris Hardin, who for a long time served as the musical director at Valley Beth Shalom in the LA area, has played/conducted for notables from Merv Griffin to President Bill Clinton, and has scored and recorded for film and TV. For the last 20 years, he has written for the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, and he’s conducted for Craig Taubman as well as orchestrated the music for Tovah Feldshuh’s symphonic debut. His arrangements are fun, challenging, and a favorite of both performers and audiences.

Ilene Safyan, who as cantorial soloist has played an important role in the spiritual and musical experience of CNS for many years, brings a warmth of personality and talent that is always appreciated. Not everyone is aware of this, but she has become one of the West Coast’s most celebrated Jewish musical artists. Her six CDs of Jewish music have been recognized by such publications as the *Forward* and *Entertainment Weekly* and have won prestigious awards.

Professional singer/actor **Michèle Tredger** (wife of Cantor Bitton) will also be an important participant in the evening’s program. “When she sings, people stop and listen,” enthuses the Cantor. Michele, who has worked in TV and film as well as musical theatre and concerts, is “very flexible in terms of style,” he explains. With this in mind, she will be performing “The Girl in 14G,” a song originally writ-



Chris Hardin

ten for singer/actor Kristin Chenoweth to showcase all of the many stylings that she could display.

The final element of the show will be the **Koleinu Choir, directed by Becca Stuhlbarg** (herself a classically-trained soprano and professional singer), which has become an important part of the musical culture of CNS. Through their hard work and expert leadership, and encouraged by Cantor Bitton, they have taken on a key role. The variety of their voices will create musical color for the audience and greatly enhance the experience.

So be sure not to miss “This Is Us”! It promises to be a very entertaining evening as well as a major entry in the list of CNS 150 events.



Michèle Tredger

Member News

Kvell With Us

Mazel tov to Rachel and Jason Nelson, who welcomed a new baby boy, Asher on March 6, 2019. Mom, dad, big sister Noa, and proud grandparents **Fred and Nora Rothstein** are all doing well and enjoying getting to know each other.



Mazel tov to Rabbi Stampfer on the birth of his 15th great-grandchild, **Shachar**. Grandparents **Shaul and Sylvianne Stampfer** are kvelling, and parents **Tamar Stampfer and Aharon Novogrodski** and siblings are doing well.

Mazel tov to Sammie Weiss, who was named a National Merit Finalist. Her family is very proud.

Mazel Tov to Shoshana Bean, who after a thirteen-year absence, is returning to Broadway as Jenna in the musical *Waitress*. Shoshana is the daughter of **Felice Moskowitz and Jeff Bean**, and the niece of **Marci & Riley Atkins** and **Geri & Stu Luxenberg**.

Mazal tov to Adin Biederman, son of Carol Biederman, on producing the film *Behind the Veil* as part of a senior project at Beaverton's Arts & Communication Magnet Academy (ACMA).

Mazel Tov to Jeff and Arzelie McAllister on their wedding as part of the ALIYAH 5th grade life-cycle curriculum. Each year a couple gets married (yes, it's a real wedding!) and the 5th graders help to facilitate and celebrate.

Mazel tov to Carolyn (Larry, z"l) Gorin, whose grandson, **Jackson Friedman**, recently became a bar mitzvah. Great-grandparents are **Leonard and Goldie Barde, z"l**.



Mazel tov to Danit and Candice Rothstein on the birth of their baby girl **Havah "Havi" Nellie Rothstein**, who was born on April 5 at 3:36am. All three along with grandparents **Fred and Nora Rothstein** are doing well and enjoying getting to know each other.

Mazel Tov to Jacob and Reba Lesch of West Hempstead, NY, on the birth of twin girls **Chaya and Penina** on March 29th. Proud grandparents are **Harold and Jackie Lesch** and great-grandmother **Gloria Bacharach**.

Mazel tov to Seth "Chip" Rosenfeld and Sara Reed on their April 14th wedding in Vancouver, WA.

Men's Club wants to thank all of our sponsors and patrons who helped to make our Texas Holdem Tournament such a successful event this year! With your help, we are able to donate \$500 to the Lesch Camp Scholarship fund which helps send campers to Camp Solomon Schechter, and \$500 to the Honigstock Scholarship fund, which allocates Scholarships to both the ALIYAH and Foundation School programs.

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

Our condolences to Jeff Melnick on the passing of his dear father, **Charles Melnick, z"l**, in Los Angeles, CA.

We regret to inform you of the passing of Helen Cohen, z"l, mother of **Carolyn Cohen**, Seattle, **Daniel Cohen** of Los Altos, CA, and **Sidney Cohen** of Rehovot, Israel; 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Helen was a long-time member of Neveh Shalom, who grew up in Ahavai Shalom and made aliyah to Israel 10 years ago. The funeral took place in Israel. Donations can be made to the **Cohen Israel Scholarship Fund** here at Neveh Shalom, which supports high school students going to Israel.

We regret to inform you of the passing of Gail Halladay, z"l, on Thursday, April 4. She is remembered by her son **Josh (Kati) Halladay**.

We regret to inform you of the passing of CNS member Paul Berger, z"l, who died on March 30. He is remembered by his spouse **Anna Haimowitz** and sons **Martin & Eric Berger**.

We regret to inform you of the passing of our congregant Leonard Levine, z"l, husband of **Nira Levine**.

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

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On World Down Syndrome Day, some of our Neveh Shalom Staff posted this photo on Facebook of them wearing mismatched socks, saying "Just because they're different than each other doesn't mean one is better or worse. They just look different. But they're still the same, they're still socks."

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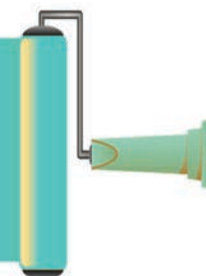
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A Night on Broadway! CNS Auction 2019 Roundup

Wow, what an event! It was rescheduled for a snowstorm that wasn't, and the new date blessed us with a beautiful spring day!

Coming together was the ultimate goal for this year's auction. And come together we did! Many of our 200+ attendees showed up as their favorite Broadway character or dressed up for a night out as they socialized with their friends, met new people, browsed and bid on the huge array of silent auction items and sign-up parties, and enjoyed the delicious appetizers by Century Catering. Our incredible auctioneer, Ian Lindsay, infused humor and spice while directing attention to some of the top-notch items for auction.

By the time we were ready to go downstairs for the live auction and meal, the festive spirit of the evening was felt throughout the crowd. Ian, our auctioneer, made the entire event run smoothly and built a sense of camaraderie and friendly competition for some of the live auction items. The Mitzvah Moment video by Ken Klein, featuring

Cantor Eyal Bitton's musical and dance stylings, was a real crowd pleaser, and the Mitzvah Moment paddle raise was a huge success!

The biggest kudos go to auction co-chairs, **Marissa Richardson and Mike Khavul**, who did an outstanding job securing sponsors, attendees, sign-up parties, and live and silent auction items. The commitment to their role of Broadway characters had to be seen to be believed. Their love for this community is infectious and showed throughout the evening, and yielded terrific results. Together, we raised over \$100,000!

Save the date for next year's auction – we should have the date soon.



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<p>For ALIYAH/TICHON schedule, please visit: nevehshalom.org/aliyah-k-6 or nevehshalom.org/aliyah-7-12</p>	<p>For Foundation School schedule, please visit: foundationschoolpdx.org</p>		<p>1 26 nisan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p> <p>7:00pm Yom haShoah Commemorative Service</p>	<p>2 27 nisan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p> <p>3:15pm Bible Class R. Isaak</p> <p>7:00pm Executive Committee</p> <p>YOM HASHOAH</p>	<p>3 28 nisan 8:02pm</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p> <p>6:15pm <i>Oneg Shabbat Siddur</i> Appreciation Shabbat w/ Ilene Safyan</p>	<p>4 29 nisan 9:03pm</p> <p>Etai Cohen Bar Mitzvah</p> <p>9:00am Shabbat Services</p> <p>10:00am Torah Troop</p> <p>10:15am Tot Shabbat</p> <p>10:15am Kiddush Club</p> <p>Achrei Mot</p>
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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 CNS 150 Exhibit
The exhibit runs through May 27
OJMCHE looks back at the determination, resilience, and leadership that have brought Neveh Shalom through 150 years.

Yom haShoah Commemorative Service
Wednesday, May 1, 7:00pm
Yom haShoah commemorates those who perished and those who survived the Holocaust, and the generations that have carried on the legacy of our community. Free and open to all who wish to remember.

Oneg Shabbat Siddur Appreciation Shabbat, with Ilene Safyan
Friday, May 3, 6:15pm, Stampfer Chapel
Please join us for this special farewell tribute to our beloved Friday night Siddur.

Sisterhood's Chai (ח) Tea
Sunday, May 5, 2:30pm, Birnbach Hall
The Sisterhood hosts their annual Torah Fund* fundraiser, enjoying tea sandwiches, dessert and of course tea, with Cantor Bitton providing musical entertainment.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Wine(d) Down
Sun, May 5 & Tue, June 4, 7:00pm
Women in their 30-50s gather in a member's home to welcome the new Jewish month. Light nosh & drinks provided. RSVP: eposen@nevehshalom.org.

Wondering Jews (65+) Trip to OJMCHE
Tuesday, May 7, 2:00pm
Join the Wondering Jews for this field trip. RSVP: programs@nevehshalom.org.

Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Eve
Thurs, May 9, June 13, 3:00pm, MJCC
Join our group for a relaxed study and good conversation.

SHIR! A Musical Shabbat
Friday, May 10, 6:15pm
An enhanced musical service to enrich the soul – with Cantor Bitton, a band, and the Koleinu choir.



CNS 150: THIS IS US! Concert

Sunday, June 2, 7:00pm

Light reception at 6:00pm

\$12/Member | \$18/Non-Member | \$36/Patron

A gala concert in celebration of Congregation Neveh Shalom's 150th anniversary featuring musical performances by Cantor Eyal Bitton, Ilene Safyan, Michele Tredger, the Koleinu Choir, and the CNS Concert Band led by Chris Hardin, along with narration by Rabbi Eve Posen.

Tickets at: nevehshalom.org/thisisus

Women's Torah Study
Sat, May 11 & 25, 12:30pm, Rm 111
Join Mel Berwin for uplifting learning & conversation – all levels welcome!

Men's Club Annual Meeting & Speaker
Sun, May 12, 9:40am
Join the Men's Club for breakfast, their annual meeting and speaker **Ken Carra-ro**, CFP, Vice President, U.S. Bank Private Wealth Advisor. Ken's topic will be "Tips from an Expert on Saving Enough for Retirement and Then Making It Last."

Lag B'Omer: Kids and Family Back-to-Nature Day (ages 0-12 and parents)
Sunday, May 19, 9:00-12:00pm
Art projects, music & dance, rustic pita making, active games, and an Israeli shuk. All are welcome (ages 0-12 and parents), FREE. For more information, contact: jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

Israel360: What Does the Israeli Election Mean to Me as an American Jew?
Thurs, May 23, 7:00pm

Join us for a Lag BaOmer campfire, dairy potluck dessert and discussion on the topic: "Why does it matter to me what happens in the Israeli elections?"

Living Room Shabbat
Friday, May 24 & June 28, 8:00pm
Come for this casual, easy, and down-to-earth style Shabbat in the Stampfer Chapel. This is in place of the 6:15pm service.

Book Talk: *The Lost Book of Moses*
Sunday, May 26, 4:00pm
Join us for a discussion of this book by Chanan Tigay.

Pride Shabbat Service & Dinner / SHIR! A Musical Shabbat
Friday, June 14, 5:45pm
Kick off Pride Weekend with a warm and welcoming Shabbat dinner! All LGBTQ individuals and allies are welcome (CNS members and non-members are welcome). \$12/adult, \$6/child. **5:45pm:** Drinks and Schmooze; **6:15pm:** Shabbat Evening Service; **7:15pm:** Shabbat Dinner. RSVP: tinyurl.com/cnspride2019. More info: mberwin@nevehshalom.org.

Portland Pride Parade
Sunday, June 16, Time TBA
All are encouraged to join the CNS and greater Portland Jewish community at this year's Portland Pride Parade. More info: lizam410@gmail.com or facebook.com/jewishpridepdx/

Please note: Programs are subject to change; please contact the office for more information.

Neveh Shalom for These Great Programs!

CNS Annual Meeting

Thurs, June 20, 7:00pm

Please join the whole CNS community at our annual meeting. This is an opportunity to: Meet the 2019-20 Board of Directors, hear about the highlights of the past year, celebrate our accomplishments, understand our goals, explore what is up and coming and schmooze with your fellow community members. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information: 503.246.8831. We hope to see you there!

Israel360: Two Sided Story Movie and Discussion

Sunday, June 23, 1:00-4:00pm

Join us in watching this film about an organization dedicated to peace and reconciliation between bereaved Palestinians and Israelis. \$5. Nosh & discussion after the film. RSVP: tinyurl.com/israel360-2sidedstory.

Jack Klugman Tribute (from *The Odd Couples*) Featuring Adam Klugman **Sunday, June 30, 3:00pm**

Please join us in welcoming Adam Klugman son of Jack Klugman aka Oscar Madison from *The Odd Couple* (and so much more!) \$18, all proceeds benefit Camp Solomon Schechter scholarship fund. More: jackklugmantribute.com

Book Talk: *Eternal Life*

Sunday, June 30, 4:00pm

Join us for a discussion of this book by Dana Horn.

Young Family & Youth

ALIYAH Kindergarten & New Family visit days! - Wed, May 1, 4:30-5:30pm

Interested in learning about our ALIYAH K-6 program? Join a tour of our education program in action, and a meet with our Director of Congregational Learning, Mel Berwin. RSVP: mberwin@nevehshalom.org.

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, May 24 & June 28, 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.

Storytime with Rabbi Eve at Hillsdale Farmer's Market - Sunday, June 2 & 30, 10:00am, Rieke Playground

Join Rabbi Eve at Rieke Playground for a special story. Fun for all ages! Co-sponsored by PJ Library.

Young Family Shavuot Experience

Sunday, June 9, 4:45pm

Join us for a fun Shavuot experience. Free, RSVP to eposen@nevehshalom.org

Lend a Hand

Never Again Coalition Monthly Meeting **Mon, May 6, Jun 3, 7:00pm, Kol Shalom**

Outside In Cooking

Sunday, May 19 & June 16, 12:00pm

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

Shroud Crowd

Sun, May 26 & June 30, 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.

Unveiling

Unveiling for Louise Rubin, z"l

Friday, June 28, 11:00am

Neveh Zedek Cemetery

Shavuot 5779 - Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 8, 5:30-9:15pm

Erev Shavuot Limmud Learning:

Services, cheesecake and teachings.

Sunday, June 9:

9:00am - Shavuot Morning Service

4:45pm - Young Family Shavuot (Ages 0-5):

Join us for a fun Shavuot experience. Free, RSVP to eposen@nevehshalom.org

5:30pm - Shavuot Cooking Class with Rav D, Followed by Dinner

Members: \$14/Adults, \$7/Kids, \$36/Max Per Family

Non-Members: \$18/Adults, \$10/Kids

RSVP Required By 6/5: tinyurl.com/CNSshavuot5779

Monday, June 10, 9:00am

Shavuot Morning Service w/ Yizkor



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THE PORTLAND JEWISH COMMUNITY PRESENTS

YOM HASHOAH

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 7:00PM

Yom haShoah commemorates those who perished and those who survived the Holocaust, and the generations that have carried on the legacy of our community. **The topic is heavy, but our focus is hopeful.** This service is in partnership with the OJMCHE.

JOIN IN A MUSICAL COMMEMORATION

This year at the May 1 ceremony, we are including a special musical performance of two songs conducted by Cantor Eyal Bitton. **We invite all generations of descendants of the Holocaust as well as anyone else who would like to participate** in this musical commemoration to join for a performance rehearsal on Monday, April 29, 7:00pm, Stampfer Chapel.



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FREE AND OPEN TO ALL WHO WISH TO REMEMBER
CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM
2900 SW PEACEFUL LANE, PORTLAND, OR 97239

For questions or more information, please contact
Mel Berwin: mberwin@nevehshalom.org, 503.246.8831

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**SUNDAY
MAY 19
9:00AM-
12:00PM**

KIDS AND FAMILY BACK-TO-NATURE DAY

All are welcome (ages 0-12 and parents)

Contact: jbezodis@nevehshalom.org

2900 SW Peaceful Lane, Portland, OR 97239



THIS IS US

A CNS 150 CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 - 7:00 PM

CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM 2900 SW PEACEFUL LN, PORTLAND, OR



CANTOR EYAL BITTON



ILENE SAFYAN



MICHÈLE TREDGER



RABBI EVE POSEN



with The **Koleinu** Choir
and The CNS **Concert** Band led by Chris **Hardin**
NARRATION by Rabbi Eve **Posen**



TICKETS

\$12 Members **\$18** Non-Members **\$36** Patrons
503.246.8831 - www.nevehshalom.org/thisisus

LIGHT RECEPTION

starting at
6:00 PM



NEVEH SHALOM'S PRIDE WEEKEND AT CNS

nevehshalom.org/cns-keshet

PRIDE SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER

FRI, JUNE 14, 5:45PM

Join us for our annual Pride Shabbat service and dinner. Drinks at 5:45pm, Services start at 6:15pm and dinner at 7:15pm. \$12 /adult, \$6/child. RSVP to: tinyurl.com/cnspride2019

PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE ~ SUN, JUNE 16, TIME TBA

All are encouraged to join the CNS and greater Portland Jewish community at this year's Portland Pride Parade. Contact: lizam410@gmail.com





CONGREGATION NEVEH SHALOM'S

150TH ANNUAL MEETING

Meet the 2019-20 Board of Directors ~ Hear about the highlights of the past year ~ Celebrate our accomplishments ~ Understand our goals ~ Explore what is up and coming ~ Schmooze with your fellow community members.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 7:00PM

Please join us! Drinks and dessert will be provided.
For more information, please call the front office at 503.246.8831



CNS MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

Jack Klugman Tribute

FEATURING ADAM
KLUGMAN

Sunday, June 30, 3-5pm
Stampfer Chapel

Hear all about Jack's origins as a poor, Jewish kid in south Philly during the Depression to becoming a successful Emmy-winning actor (*12 Angry Men*, *The Odd Couple*, *Quince M.E.* and more).



**\$18, all proceeds
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