

# THE CHRONICLE

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF NEVEH SHALOM



## Beyond the B'nai Mitzvah



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# In a Forest of Their Own Making

**By Rabbi David Kosak**

Rabbi's Corner

**T**his edition of the Chronicle examines what Jewish life can look like after the b'nai mitzvah ceremonies. In a year when we have 42 kids stepping up to the bima, this seems an appropriate theme. It unfortunately also dredges up an old Jewish joke.

A rabbi, a priest and a minister are discussing the rodent infestations at each of their houses of worship. The Catholic priest talks of how they've addressed the issues by setting out poison throughout the church. The Seventh Day Adventist minister, committed to vegetarianism and animal welfare, mentions that they have used live capture traps. Unfortunately, neither approach worked. They then turn to the rabbi, who shrugs. "Well, we asked Sisterhood to knit tiny kippot and tallitot. Then we gave them all a bar mitzvah. After that, we never saw them again."

As with most jokes, it is the grain of truth they contain that makes them humorous—and also sad once we look past the humor. We know that participation of Jewish teenagers plummets after their b'nai mitzvah ceremonies. That is a well-documented national phenomenon. We also know that teenage Jewish boys participate at one third the rate of teenage girls. I have not yet seen data on participation of non-binary teens after what our clergy team at CNS like to call their brit mitzvah. We may not have that data yet as a national community.

What has been learned about boys, though, is interesting and instructive. Our relative success in the larger culture has produced a more individualistic and personalized Jewish adolescence, one that tends to be less communal and also less religious. But that doesn't make

that self-directed Jewish identity any less meaningful to those teen boys. The Denver Study, conducted back in 2008, was a well-constructed effort to understand the needs of boys from their own reports and to analyze how the Jewish model of masculinity they embraced was substantially different than that in the larger society. These boys were less concerned with appearing cool, and happily embraced academic achievement. They tended to place and demonstrate a higher value in being nice to younger boys, and were more comfortable being affectionate. They also held their Jewish identity in high regard.

Simultaneously, the study gleaned teen boys' desire for programming that would allow them to be authentic, have a brotherhood of other Jewish boys, allow them to contribute to the world in some manner, even as they have opportunities for freedom and the moral development necessary for them to move into manhood. What distinguished more successful programming from less successful attempts were those models that allowed these teens to drop in and out, and combined activities. Sports, or the opportunity to be active, even while doing something Jewish, was an important component for many, but not all. Taking that further, play was more uniformly an essential ingredient to keep boys interested and engaged.

While boys, girls and non-binary teens may have specific needs we are still learning to tease out from the sociologi-



cal data, I suspect that the shared commonality that post-b'nei mitzvah teens crave is the opportunity to exist in a community of their choosing, to engage in a manner that doesn't feel like school or other structures imposed on them in the rest of their lives and therefore to have a greater degree of autonomy. Freedom is a basic human need, yet if we are honest, teens today have fewer chances to experience its rewards and responsibilities.

My parents' generation placed an emphasis on teaching us kids self-reliance and independence—often times at the expense of a warm and emotionally available relationship with adults. But we were free to stay out for hours wandering about, learning how to fend for ourselves among our peer group. My closest friends and I would trek once a week or so through the Nature Study

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# Everything I Need to Know I Learned in... *By Rabbi Eve Posen*

Rabbi's Corner

Every year when our USY (United Synagogue Youth, the youth group for teens in the Conservative movement) asks for hosts for out-of-town teens at a program or puts on a fundraising event, I receive the following email from Tony and Priscilla Kostiner: "We'd be delighted to support USY. Tony and I met years ago through USY." Their story is beautiful and yet not unique. While I may not have met Duncan through a youth group, I established many of my deepest friendships through our shared experiences at camp, in youth group, on an Israel trip, or at Hillel in college. Walking through any Jewish conference with me takes forever because of the sheer number of people I know from different stages in my life. I've been an engaged Jew since my bat mitzvah, and clearly I have the relationships (and career!) to show for it.

A recent article in *eJewish Philanthropy* picked up on this idea of long-term engagement and used a specific youth group as a case study in Jewish teen engagement. The article notes that many leaders of industry and in the Jewish community trace their engagement and commitment to Jewish community back to a post-bar or bat mitzvah experience. If you read the article, it's easy

to see that the concepts can be expanded out, not just through youth group involvement, but through continued engagement in the Jewish community throughout one's life.

משלי כ"ב:ו'

חנך לנער על פי דרכו גם כי יזקין  
לא יסור ממנו.

"Educate a child according to his way, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it." This quote from Proverbs 22:6 suggests that the path taken by an adult was likely started on as a youth.

Authentic Jewish experiences in the formative years are ones that lead to a deeper sense of Jewish community. No surprise there, right? If your teen is a born leader, USY or BBYO might be an excellent place to receive further hands-on experience in that field. If philanthropy and *tzedakah* are values for your family, OJCYP (Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation) is a unique group that teaches and engages teens in the value of giving through process of learning about various organizations. If working with younger kids interests your teenagers, you can encourage them to be a part of



the *Madrichim* program or work at Jewish summer camp. Food service? Perhaps working in the kitchen of a camp or synagogue might be a next connection.

Bottom line: the experiences we have as teenagers are often the ones that guide us and shape us as we mature. One of our missions as a connected Jewish community is to offer those experiences that lead to the long-term engagement we're seeking.

## ***In a Forest of Their Own Making Continued from page 3***

Woods, my town's 200 acres of wild land. There we spent hours exploring, talking and playing. Those hours were remarkably fruitful for me, filled with freedom and camaraderie, and a connection to the natural environment. As long as I made it back in time for dinner, all was well. But those hours also lacked Jewish content. Having served as the mara d'atra of Camp Solomon Schechter this past summer, I was reminded of those early lessons, and of the position camp has to provide freedom with Jewish content.

Nationwide, Jewish adults often bemoan "why can't we make religious school more like camp." I understand the impulse behind that comment, and I am grateful that our school attempts to fold into our program some measure of freedom, social opportunities and the ability for teens to give back on their own terms, such as our *madrichim* program.

Does it mean we can't do better? I hope we will never think that. Too many precious souls are at stake.

# My Parents Went to Synagogue

**By Cantor Eyal Bitton**

Cantor's Corner

*My parents went to synagogue.*

I could end my article with that sentence. You see, that's the secret to why synagogue life, why prayer and active engagement in the Jewish community, has been an integral part of my life well beyond my Bar Mitzvah.

At thirteen, some time after my Bar Mitzvah, I joined my synagogue choir. There were plenty of kids my age and older on this group. It was fun. It was also empowering to know that I and my peers were an essential part of the service. We weren't tokens. We weren't there for optics. I was part of a group that contributed actively and regularly to the quality of the service. It was meaningful and rewarding; I had fun with friends and I had a full, substantive prayer experience as well. So, while many others end their Jewish synagogue experience at their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, why is it that my engagement increased AFTER my Bar Mitzvah?

Because my parents went to synagogue.

My parents didn't cajole me into attending. They didn't force me. They didn't bribe me. Going to synagogue was just something my parents did. It was something the family did. I wasn't very familiar with Saturday morning cartoons because I was at synagogue. I was at synagogue with my parents. That being said, I actually didn't sit with my parents; I sat with my friends.

My parents went to synagogue. My parents went to synagogue for themselves, not just for me and my sister. They weren't chaperones. They were going to synagogue whether or not we were. On the rare occasion that I didn't go on a Shabbat morning, I'd stay home with my mother and my father would go to synagogue.

The role models in my life showed me that synagogue engagement and Jewish communal participation and leadership wasn't just for kids but for all ages. There is much to say about how I - and others - can stay involved beyond the Bar/Bat



Mitzvah. But it all starts with the vision that Jewish engagement is for the whole family. The joy of the experience can't be in seeing one's children engaged in services and Judaism. Children need to see their parents engaged too. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah marks the end of a child's journey in Judaism. They look to their parents to understand what their journey as adults is going to look like.

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## Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



### **Bram Goldsmith | November 9**

Bram Goldsmith is the son of Steffanie and Steven Goldsmith, brother to Zachary, and grandson to Sheryl and Art Feuerstein (Boynton Beach, FL), Nancy and Alan Goldsmith (Longmeadow, MA), and Rena Goldsmith (z"l). He is an 8th grader at Sylvan Middle School. Bram enjoys playing football and baseball with a new found love for golf. When not at school or practice, Bram likes to cook and he makes a mean mac and cheese.



### **Freddy Abadie | November 16**

Freddy is the son of Bill and Bonnie Abadie, and grandson of Ferne and Fred(z"l) Walpert, Glenda Chadwick, and Erwin (Ike) Abadie(z"l). He is a 7th grader at Lakeridge Middle School. Freddy enjoys Boy Scouts, Camp Schechter, playing the piano and trombone, skiing for fun and competitively, martial arts, reading, playing video games, cuddling with his dog, and spending time with friends and family.



### **Emma Rubin | November 30**

Emma Rubin is the daughter of Betsy and Spencer Rubin and sister to Jack and Molly Rubin. She is the granddaughter of Donna and Richard Ross. Emma is currently a sophomore at Southridge High School where she plays on the Varsity Soccer Team and is the president of her sophomore class. She loves Broadway shows and her two dogs and two cats!



### **Jordyn Morrow | December 7**

Jordyn Morrow is the daughter of Tanya and Jason Morrow, sister to Olivia Morrow, and much loved granddaughter to Addy Cohen (Henderson, NV), Dr. Alan and Agneta Cohen (Cypress, CA) and Lowell and Judy Morrow (Long Beach, CA). Jordyn is a 7th grader at Whitford Middle School, where she is on the yearbook staff. Her greatest passion is ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary dance and competing with her dance team at Westside Dance Academy. When not dancing, Jordyn loves spending her summers at BB Camp, drawing, shopping, volunteering and spending time with her family and friends.



### **Ellie Malka | December 14**

Ellie Malka is the daughter of David & Ronnie Malka, sister to Maayan Malka, and granddaughter to Miri & Shlomo Oren, Judy & Yossi Malka. She is a 7th grader at Robert Grey Middle School. Ellie loves being with her family and friends. She also enjoys basketball and hanging with her dog Toby. Ellie always has a smile on her face. She is a very bright student, a loved friend and a wonderful sister. Ellie sees the positive side in everything. Her warm heart is always inviting and her connection to Israel and Judaism is undeniable strong! We are so proud of her and can't wait to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.

# Where We Are

By Jason Kaufman, President

## President's Corner

I hope that each of you were able to enrich your life, elevate your soul and embrace your Judaism during the High Holidays. My hope is this is the kind of year that brings joy and gladness to your home and contentment to your heart. We thank each of you who completed our survey. It is used by clergy and staff to inform and improve. Thank you to Debbie Plawner and Liza Milliner for leading this effort.

**Yehi Ratzon Milfanecha (May it be your will).**

This year is special as we celebrate our largest B'nai Mitzvah class with 41 of our best, brightest and most talented members. How do we retain as many as possible. I couldn't tell you if our daughter Adena, who is a part of this class, will be graduating from our Tichon program. I am proud that our teens find a future path that includes the strong values and traditions that we teach them. Remember, kids fall down a lot learning how to walk. It is part of the process. Our world changes (generally for the better) and our teens have many more activities from which to choose. And even if a year or two passes without them being

connected, CNS will always be here for them. So let's be present for them and celebrate their success - our children are our future. We should also take a Both/And approach and listen to what our teens want and need - not necessarily what we think is best for them. They see the world much differently and this perspective is important.

### Process and Communication

Your Board of Directors desires that each committee has a clear mission, defined goals and as much as possible a diverse makeup. In addition, we will define processes for staff, clergy, committees and the Board to guide us in our decision-making. We endeavor to communicate decisions and how they affect our kehillah. Strengthening our governance is critical to success. We invite and encourage your feedback. Having access to diverse opinions will help ensure that we do this in a thoughtful and engaging way.

Finally, I look forward to joining you on December 15th as we wrap up our CNS 150 year-long celebration with a Gala. It is an evening not to be missed and



I thank those that are involved in the planning and execution of this event. Thank you to each donor to our capital campaign as we ensure our next 150 years with a strong financial foundation.

*Let's continue the conversation via email ([president@nevehshalom.org](mailto:president@nevehshalom.org)), text (503-459-3548), or in person. I look forward to hearing from each of you!*

## Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



### Blaze Rosenfeld | December 28

Blaze is the son of Yoni and Merav Rosenfeld, brother to Alaska and Amit. He is the grandson of Yafim and Yevgeniya Rosenfeld (Haifa) and Ilan and Shulamit Sendowski (California). Blaze is a 7th grader at the International School of Beaverton. He plays the violin, has a Jr. black belt in karate, loves stories and skateboarding.

# Spotlight On: ALIYAH's Madrichim Teen Leadership Program

By Mel Berwin

Three years ago, we turned our popular Teen Madrichim (teaching assistant) program into an Internship program. This shift reinforced the idea that our teens have a much more important role to play in our classrooms than “assistant” work such as cleaning tables or handing out snacks. Instead, they focus on learning on-the-job skills in Jewish education. A key feature of the internship is a monthly learning session led by teen leadership specialist **Candace Rothstein**, who has taught in ALIYAH as well as Foundation School, and is currently getting her Masters’ in Education to become a full time high school teacher.

“One of the main goals of the Madrichim leadership training is to start creating empathic leaders,” says Candace. “First, I help the teens by guiding them to understand themselves and their own strengths and weaknesses. We then discuss empathy and how it can help us lead others by being compassionate and building relationships.”

Internship also means a different role for our teachers who supervise Madrichim. Teachers spend time during fall training days getting to know the teens who will be working with them, and focus on the teens’ skills, goals, and interests. It’s then up to them to make sure the teens

have opportunities to build their skills and reflect on their expanding roles in the classroom. Madrichim might spend time teaching songs or games during a transition period each week, or working with kids who need extra help in Hebrew, or use their time with students helping to conduct assessments. Some madrichim are interested in building skills working with kids with special needs, and others focus on areas of interest such as art or tefilah.

This year there are 24 teens in 8th-12th grades who are part of the Madrichim program. I asked some of our experienced madrichim to tell me one skill they have gained from being a Madrich(ah) so far. They responded:

- Being more direct with the kids. Learning that it’s important to give the kids the “why” of what we’re doing.
- How to be in the moment. I found that you can’t bring stresses from life into the classroom and expect to be effective. You need to focus 100% on the kids and what they need.
- Patience.
- I’ve learned how to help kids without upsetting them.
- I’ve learned how to see the best in everyone, no matter their ability or attitude. It is important to get to know everyone instead of make assumptions about the group you’re working with.

Another theme that Madrichim talk about is how this role connects them to the Jewish community:

“Being a madrich definitely makes me feel closer to the Jewish com-



*Kindergarten teachers Sarah Rohr and Ellen Kipnis with Madrichim: Zachary Pines, Moses Peet, and Maggie McCaffrey*

munity. This role is my primary connection to the community as a teen and if I weren’t doing this, I might not be involved at all.”

“Being a madrich allows me to stay connected to the Jewish community because I get the opportunity to pass on my knowledge of Judaism to younger kids.”

“I’ve never felt a strong personal connection to services, but it’s very important to me to stay connected to my community... The ALIYAH program gives me the perfect opportunity to connect with Jews of all different ages: the kids, the other madrichot, the teachers and the parents. Being a madricha lets me connect with the most important aspect of Jewish tradition: education... I’m learning right along with the kids!”

“Being a Madrich has definitely helped me stay a part of the Jewish community at Neveh. It’s not that I wouldn’t participate, but here I feel that I can make a difference in my synagogue.”

“Being a madrichah is currently my only connection with Jewish education. I love getting to re-learn some of what I learned while in the ALIYAH classroom.”



*Bari Gilbert with Art Madrichot: Edith Crever, Sophia Gilbert, and Talia Valdez*



# How We Stay Connected

**By Eadie Kaltenbacher**

*The theme of this issue, "Beyond the B'nai Mitzvah", had us Chroniclers pondering how people stay connected to Judaism after their bar/bat mitzvah and into adulthood. We reached out to a couple of members to learn their stories.*

## **Rick Vagy**

**Year of Bar Mitzvah: 1961**

**Synagogue: Temple Sinai (Glendale, CA)**



Rick grew up in Glendale, CA in the 1960's, where Judaism was a rarity at that time: he was one of only two Jewish students in his high school graduating class. After his bar mitzvah, Rick found himself encountering ques-

tions and challenges from his classmates about Judaism, and faced many negative perceptions. In order to be prepared for these discussions, Rick made a conscious decision to educate himself about Judaism, as well as other religions more broadly, and describes himself as an "internally motivated" student. After high school, Rick attended UCLA, which had a much larger Jewish population. In this environment, Rick no longer had to defend his religion, and began exploring other aspects of his identity and education.

Rick credits much of his strong connection to Judaism to his involvement with Jewish summer camp. Beginning around age 10, he spent several years as a camper and then counselor at Camp Hess Kramer. He discovered an appreciation of Jewish culture, history, and values, which served as a complement to the more formal religious training of his Bar Mitzvah. Rick finds great value in maintaining relationships with those camp friends he met decades ago.

Rick and his wife Sharyl have been married for 46 years, and have been members of CNS for 32 years. They have one son and one daughter, both of whom are actively involved in Jewish life in their respective communities.



## **Mara Zellinger**

**Year of Bat Mitzvah: 1995**

**Synagogue: Eitz Chaim (Lombard, IL)**



Mara grew up in the West suburbs of Chicago, relatively far from the main center of Jewish life on the North side. As a member of Eitz Chaim, Mara had her Bat Mitzvah and then stayed connected with her friends from Hebrew school through their youth group. While this group was part of NFTY, they created their own unique approach which involved plenty of lead-

ership opportunities for youth. For example, they would organize and prepare Rosh Hashana baskets, and run the Purim carnival events for the younger children. Mara observed that these responsibilities created an environment where she and the other youth were an integral and necessary part of the community.

Mara also noted that Jewish summer camp made a huge impact on her connection to Judaism. She attended OSRUI (Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute), a Union of Reform Judaism camp near Milwaukee, WI for 8 years beginning at age 10. About her time at summer camp immersed in a Jewish environment, Mara explained, "I truly felt I could be myself".

As an adult, Mara continued her involvement in Jewish life throughout her professional and personal experiences. Before moving to Portland, she worked at the JCC in Tampa, running their after school childcare program and serving as the assistant summer camp director. Since moving to Portland, Mara spent some time working at the MJCC planning cultural events, and also taught in Neveh Shalom's Madrichim program and as an assistant in the 7th grade classroom. She also maintains an active Jewish social life for herself and her family. Her oldest child is currently enrolled in the ALIYAH program (2nd grade) and her youngest attends preschool at the Gan.

Mara joined CNS two years ago with her husband Justin, daughter Shoshana (age 7) and son Matan (age 5).



# A Look at Jewish Teen Learning

## A Conversation with Zach Goldsmith

**Z**achary Goldsmith walked away from his bar mitzvah a couple years ago and toward greater Jewish learning, a path he continues to tread.

"I very much fell in love with Torah trope and Jewish learning" at the time of his bar mitzvah, said the 17-year-old senior at Lincoln High School and long-time *madrich* (teacher's assistant) in ALIYAH.

New to Portland and the Neveh Shalom community at the time, Goldsmith needed the community as an anchor; being able to help lead that community acted as a spiritual buoy. "I really liked learning all of the prayers," he said, "and now I can be counted on to fill in where needed in a service and to read Torah like a real Jewish adult who has a role in the community."

His desire for more Jewish learning recently took him beyond our shul, Portland, even this hemisphere.

Mel Berwin, director of congregational learning, last spring told Goldsmith about the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program. It's a pluralistic program in Hod HaSharon, Israel, and its programs run throughout the year in 6-week to 18-week snippets. Goldsmith applied, was interviewed, got accepted, and — three scholarships in hand — participated as one of 200 American students in the history-focused 6-week program this past summer.

Berwin adds that while price tags for some programs are high, many are well-subsidized, as Goldsmith found.

Goldsmith said that while the social adjustment at first was a big challenge — "Muss is really a South Floridian indoctrination thing," he half-joked, noting he was the sole participant from the Pacific Northwest — the academic adjustment was automatic.

He recounts two particularly poignant memories from his Muss experience.

"You hear about the Kotel and see pictures of it, but when you're there the first time you feel the impact of the prayers of the world," he said.

A trip from the students' Muss dorm north of Tel



Zach Goldsmith

Aviv to Jerusalem's busy and central Ben Yehuda Street also made an impression. Tasked with shopping for his brother **Bram's** tallit for his November bar mitzvah, Goldsmith hit on the perfect one for his sibling. He said, "It was emotional for me. How many brothers buy their brother his bar mitzvah tallis?"

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Applying for colleges now and inspired by "how I got to learn while on Muss," Goldsmith said he plans to participate in Hillel and focus his studies on history and Jewish Studies, as well as urban planning and theater.



Zach Goldsmith

# Beyond the Bimah *By Jenn Director Knudsen*

## *A Conversation with Orly Meyer*

**O**rly Meyer, 16, also a Lincoln High School senior, participated two summers ago in Great Jewish Books, a Yiddish Book Center program based in Amherst, Mass. And last year she spent a semester in Israel with Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim High School, a program of Camp Ramah.

But last summer's Maimonides Scholars Program based at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., may have provided the biggest Jewish-learning spark thus far.

Maimonides is an application-based, two-week program whose students select from a bevy of classes. Meyer said the Jewish Ideas class was the most im-

pactful; it was her "first Jewish-text deep dive."

"We looked at the anthropomorphism of God [via Genesis and philosophers like Aristotle and Plato] and that was something I'd never thought about before," she said. "It made me want to study the rest of the Tanakh at that level," as well as Talmud.

Meyer met Jewish teens from all over the U.S. and the world, many of whom "could quote everything off the top of their heads," she said. Inspired by them and Maimonides, Meyer rearranged her entire schedule to take an International Baccalaureate philosophy class this year and is applying to colleges with Jewish Studies courses.



*Orly Meyer (left) with a friend*

**Kate Rozansky**, director of the Maimonides Scholars Program – and Tichon teacher here at CNS – who got to know Orly and is a huge proponent of Jewish youth stretching themselves academically, said, "Immersing yourself in Jewish learning as an older teen can be a transformational experience of self-discovery. One of the things we hope they're learning is that the learning is never really done. The goal is to set them up to keep learning for a lifetime."

Said Meyer of her couple weeks at Yale: "I just loved



*Orly Meyer (right) with friends*

every second of it. I want to continue it at a higher level throughout my life."

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*If you are interested in learning more about Jewish educational opportunities for post-B'nai Mitzvah teens, please be in touch with Director of Congregational Learning, Mel Berwin at: [mberwin@nevehshalom.org](mailto:mberwin@nevehshalom.org); 503.293.7306.*

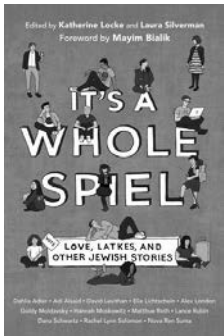


# Young Adult Books For Jews

**By Kaiya Goldhammer, Librarian**

**A**s a kid growing up in the 90's, young adult (YA) literature was not the publishing powerhouse it is today. There was also almost no YA with Jewish content and what there was addressed "big problems" or was historical fiction. Now, we can find Jewish characters and content in every YA genre. These stories feature all kinds of Jews: observant Jews, non-observant Jews, Jews of color, science fiction Jews, dystopian Jews, queer Jews, romantic Jews, disabled Jews, historic Jews. You name it, I can find it.

Educator Rudine Sims Bishop wrote a seminal essay nearly 30 years ago about the importance of mirrors in children's literature: mirror texts are those in which children can find themselves, their families, and their communities reflected and valued. When students read books where they see characters like themselves who are valued in the world, they feel a sense of belonging. At the age of 36, I am still deeply affected by my own mirrors. That a-ha! moment of seeing your experience and recognizing that it deserves to be written, printed, and read is affirming necessary for readers young and old. These are some fabulous new YA books for teens and adults alike:



## ***It's a Whole Spiel* (Realistic Fiction)**

**By Katherine Locke and Laura Silverman**

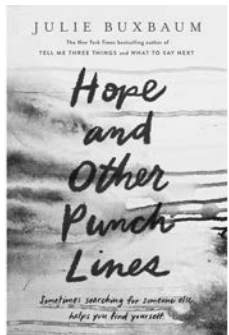
From stories of confronting their relationships with Judaism to rom-coms, *It's a Whole Spiel* features one story after another that says yes, we are Jewish, but we are also queer, and disabled, and creative, and political, and adventurous, and anything we want to be. You will fall in love with this insightful, funny, and romantic Jewish anthology from a collection of diverse Jewish authors.



## ***The Fever King* (Dystopian Fiction)**

**By Victoria Lee**

In the former United States, sixteen-year-old Noam Álvaro wakes up in a hospital bed, the sole survivor of the viral magic that killed his family and made him a technopath. His ability to control technology attracts the attention of the minister of defense and thrusts him into the magical elite of the nation of Carolinia.



## ***Hope and Other Punchlines* (Realistic Fiction)**

**By Julie Buxbaum**

On Sept. 11, 2001, Abbi Hope Goldstein was immortalized in a famous photograph taken on her first birthday, in which she was being carried out of her day care while the first World Trade Center tower collapsed in the background. Thereafter known as "Baby Hope," 17-year-old Abbi is recognized all over her suburban New Jersey town. She is working as a camp counselor a few towns over, and is immediately recognized by her co-worker Noah Stern, who sees in Abbi the potential to answer a life-defining question regarding his own 9/11 tragedy. Together they embark on a mission to talk to the other individuals pictured in the Baby Hope photo.



## ***You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone (Realistic Fiction)***

**By Rachel Lynn Solomon**

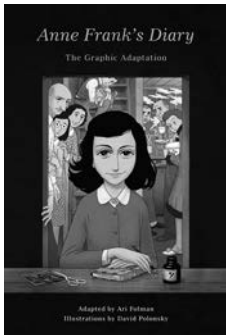
Eighteen-year-old twins Adina and Tovah are each prodigies in their own right: Adina strives to become a violin soloist, while Tovah is into science and plans to become a surgeon. What they have in common besides their ambition is their genetic predisposition to Huntington's disease and their fear of its ability to steal their body and mind the way it has from their mother, slowly but surely. The test results come in, and one twin tests positive, while the other tests negative.



## ***Little and Lion (Realistic Fiction)***

**By Brandy Colbert**

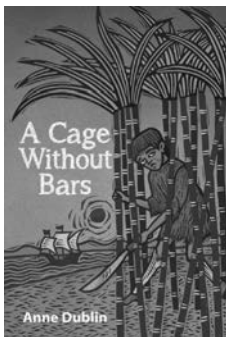
The main character in this novel, Suzette, is both bisexual and Jewish. She also happens to be black, but the main point of the story is her relationship with Lionel, her brother who's struggling with bipolar disorder, and her increasing responsibility for him once she moves back from boarding school to LA for the summer. She is also grappling with an attraction to the same girl that he likes, along with a newfound attraction to a childhood bestie. The intersectionality and emotional honesty in this book are unmatched, and anyone looking for a realistic portrayal of mental illness and well-developed characters will enjoy this book.



## ***Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation (Biography)***

**By Ari Folman and Anne Frank**

Adapted by Ari Folman, illustrated by David Polonsky, and authorized by the Anne Frank Foundation in Basel, this is the first graphic edition of *The Diary* and includes extensive quotation directly from the definitive edition. It remains faithful to the original, while the stunning illustrations interpret and add layers of visual meaning and immediacy to this classic work of Holocaust literature.



## ***A Cage Without Bars (Historical Fiction)***

**By Anne Dublin**

It is 1492, and Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain have signed the Edict of Expulsion, giving all Jews three months to leave the country. Joseph Belifonte, a twelve-year-old boy, escapes to Lisbon, Portugal, with his parents and younger sister, Gracia. However, after eight months there, Joseph and Gracia, along with hundreds of other Jewish children, are kidnapped. They are put on a ship and taken to the island of São Tomé, off the coast of West Africa. Now slaves, they are forcibly baptized and made to work on a sugar plantation. Joseph holds to the hope that one day he will be free.

To check out these or any other book, please visit the Feldstein Library at Neveh Shalom. Hours are: **Sunday** 8:30am-12:30pm; **Tuesday** 1-7pm and **Wednesday** 1-8:00pm. Or contact Librarian Kaiya Goldhammer at: [kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org).

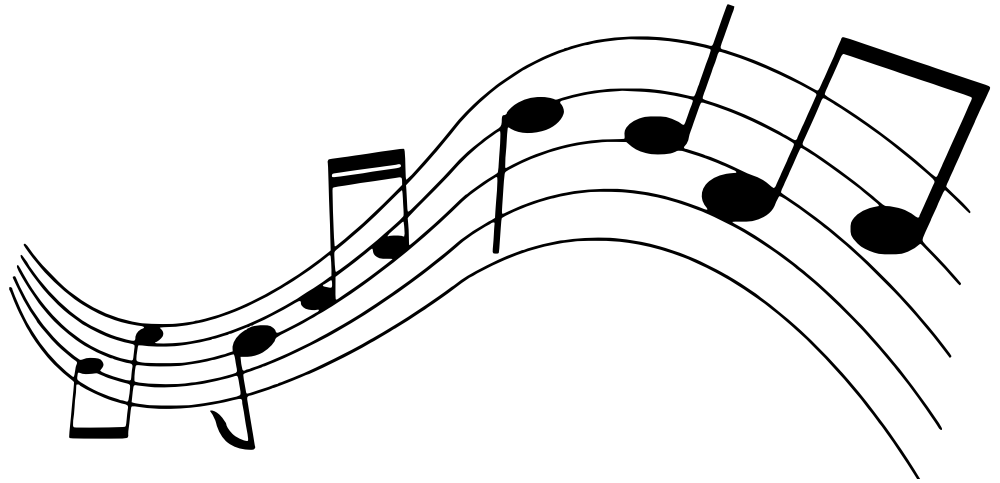
# The HHD Singing Crew

By Debra Shein

**O**n Kol Nidre, many of you probably noticed that Cantor Bitton was joined by a gifted crew of young singers that included high school seniors **Zachary Goldsmith**, **Alyssa Knudsen**, **Blaze Rosenfeld**, and **Rivkah Zigman**. These inspiring solo voices along with members of the Koleinu Youth Choir (**Talia Valdez**, **Jensen Gilbert**, **Tali Greenberg**, **Mila Kaplan**, **Alyssa Knudsen**, and **Blaze Rosenfeld**), and young prayer leaders heard on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (**Sara Ellis**, **Sophie Ellis**, **Zachary Goldsmith**, **Sasha Lipets**, **Erika Menashe**, **Maya Schwartz**, **Jonah Song**, **Serena Song**, and **Josh Weinrobe**), were recruited by the cantor to highlight services, the initial crew being taken on board soon after his arrival in August of 2017 — when he had to pretty literally “hit the ground running” to get ready for the Days of Awe.

“There’s a beauty in seeing a young person carrying the torch of our tradition, leading us, and doing it well,” said Cantor Bitton. “I worked with a musical director in Montreal who described music as ‘elevated speech.’ If we’re going to find a way to elevate ourselves spiritually, we sing to elevate our speech. The young people learned so quickly on their own. It’s a testament to their abilities and motivation. They’ve brought a lot of integrity and beauty to services, and they continue to enrich the prayer experience for all, including myself. As a cantor, I’m an emissary of the congregation, and my job is to try to impart meaning through music. As such, I need to be inspired also, and among other things, they do this for me.”

There were many young participants in this year’s services, and because this article was written in advance of the holidays to meet the publication deadline,



here are a few tidbits about three Kol Nidre soloists, along with some thoughts that they shared about their experiences contributing to the team effort:

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**Alyssa** is a senior at Jesuit High School, where two of her favorite classes are art and comparative government. Outside of school, she’s a competitive swimmer and singer. She’s in the process of applying to colleges now, and hopes to study Political Science and French. “On Rosh Hashana I will be leading *Avot* and on Yom Kippur I will be singing *Haneshama Lach* with Cantor Bitton,” she commented. “I have sung these prayers in years past, so it’s an easy way for me to participate and contribute to the service. Doing this helps me feel more connected to the community and puts greater meaning into the celebrations. Every year, I am honored that Cantor asks me to be a part of the services.”

**Zachary** is a senior at Lincoln who loves theater and is currently writing a play. He’s now applying to colleges too, and is hoping to pursue a major in Urban Planning. “I will be singing *Misod* in the *Amidah* on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and the *Ve'al Kulam* parts of the *Al Cheit* and *Ki Hinei Kachomer* on Kol Nidre,” Zachary reported. “I’ve always loved leading services, and I’ve found High Holy Day music very enchanting. It is more complicated than normal tunes, which is fun for me to do as a singer. I’m grateful for the opportunity to lead services again.”

**Rivkah**, a senior at Wilson, is involved in theater too. Her goal is to pursue a career in the medical field after completing her college education. It was tough to catch up to busy Rivkah to get her comments directly, but her mother, **Aviva Zigman**, tells us that Rivkah enjoys singing with the cantor, especially during the High Holy Days. It makes her feel more connected to the spirituality of the prayers and to the congregation.

For the future, Cantor Bitton is planning for an even greater amount of youth engagement in High Holy Day services. If the results come anywhere close to matching the performances we’ve heard so far, the congregation is in for a definite treat. Stay tuned!



# Remembering Rabbi Edward Sandrow

**By Rabbi Joshua Stampfer**

*A few months ago, Rabbi Stampfer sat down with our Development Director, Dena Marshall, and shared his recollections of Rabbi Edward Sandrow, a Rabbi who previously served Congregation Neveh Shalom, but whose story at CNS has not been told as often. Below is what was transcribed.*



*Rabbi Joshua Stampfer*

**D**uring this 150th anniversary of CNS we pay special tribute to its great early rabbi, Edward Sandrow, who served our congregation for four years, 1933-1937.

As a young rabbi, Congregation Neveh Shalom was Rabbi Sandrow's first congregation. He left to become a world-renowned figure in Jewish life. When I arrived in 1953, congregants spoke of him in the highest terms as a caring, brilliant leader of his flock. Like Rabbi Sandrow, I served four years in my first congregation in Lincoln, Nebraska before moving on to Neveh Shalom. After four years at Neveh Shalom, Rabbi Sandrow went on to Cedarhurst Long Island, NY destined to become one of the great congregations in America, Congregation Beth El. There he flourished.

In addition to his congregation duties, he served as a visiting professor of homiletics and pastoral psychology at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He became president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the national body of conservative rabbis from

1960-1962. He was also President of the New York Board of Rabbis from 1966-1967. He became a member of the board of the Hebrew University. He also joined the boards of the Joint Distribution Committee, the Zionist Organization of America, and the Jewish Welfare Board. He became the chair of the Jewish Chaplains Committee. These were among the world's major Jewish organizations.

On a personal note, my son Shaul held the "Edward Sandrow Chair in Jewish History" at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

There is no doubt in my mind that had Rabbi Sandrow remained in Portland some years longer, he would have accomplished remarkable things for our congregation. As a congregation we should be proud to have "hatched" such an outstanding rabbi.



*Rabbi Edward Sandrow with Nelson Rockefeller, Governor of New York (1959-73), and Vice-President of the US (1974-77). Photo circa 1965*

## Rabbi Daniel Isaak recalls:

"While I was in rabbinical school, perhaps my last year, Rabbi Sandrow spoke to our class. Among other experiences Rabbi Sandrow told us of his custom of taking the day before Rosh Hashanah to call every family that had lost a loved one during the previous year and tell them that he had them in mind at this important time of the year. He said he felt it was one of the most appreciated things he did in his rabbinate.

"As a soon-to-become congregational rabbi, that stood out for me as a *menschlichkeit* thing to do as a rabbi. So from this one talk, I incorporated Rabbi Sandrow's custom. And in fact expanded on his suggestion: I would call twice a year, before Rosh Hashanah and before Pesach, when congregants would also feel the loss at their Seder tables. I, also on the Sandrow precedent, added those who had been in the hospital and/or were recuperating from illnesses to that list. I think it was a very appreciated reaching out every year to a very specific group of congregants."

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## Kvell With Us

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**Mazel Tov to Hailey & Evan Bernstein** on the birth of their daughter **Pepper Izabel Bernstein** born Aug 29. Big brother **Jory** is overjoyed. Grandparents are **Tom and Mary Jane Stern** of Lake Oswego, **Karen Stern** of Tigard and **Alan and Josette Bernstein** of Seattle.

**Mazel tov to teen & ALIYAH Madrich Alex Weiss**, son of **Vicki and Martin Weiss**, who has been invited to join the Portland Youth Philharmonic.

## Cantor Bitton's Message of Thanks to the Congregation:



Michèle and I are so appreciative of all the love, generosity, and warm wishes we've received from everyone at Neveh Shalom for the birth of our beautiful baby boy, Raphaël Idan Tredger Bitton, on September 5. We wanted a name that could work in English, French, and in Hebrew. "Idan" means "era/generation/epoch"; this boy marks a new era in our lives as parents and as a family. It is also part of a beautiful prayer we recite in the Torah service on Saturday mornings, "*Berich sheme d'marei alma*". The line states "I am a servant of the Holy One, whom I revere and whose precious Torah I revere in every time and place (*"idan v'idan"*)". The name "Raphaël" means "God has healed" and is one of God's administering angels in post-Biblical Judaism. We hope that God will protect our child and provide healing throughout his life.

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

**Our condolences to Ed (Susan Brenner) Kraus** on the passing of his beloved father, **Samuel Kraus, z"l**. Husband of Joan Kraus, Father of Barbara, Edward, and Russell, Grandfather to Danny and Michael Benesch, and Michael Kraus.

**We regret to inform you of the death of Eileen Nancy Goldwyn, z"l**, sister to member **Michael (Sallie) Goldwyn**, and to Joan Goldwyn Green, and aunt to many nieces and nephews. She died in Santa Fe, NM on September 21.

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## It's a Wrap! Honoring our History By Mara Woloshin

### *Neveh Shalom's 150 Gala Celebration, smiles expected at the final anniversary event*

**H**ow can a community be defined? For many of us, it is the collective hearts and souls of the past, present, and with blessings, the future. The Neveh Shalom community will be celebrated at 5pm, Dec. 15 at the final anniversary event, the CNS 150 Gala Celebration. Early reservations are strongly recommended.

"Neveh Shalom has been an important part of our family's life. Our connections to friends and our life cycle events have all happened at Neveh Shalom," says **Karen Berman**, CNS 150 Gala co-chair. Along with Karen, co-chairs **Sheila Stern** and **Marcy Morris** have planned a casual gala dinner and musical fun – no fundraising!

#### Honoring our History Theme



Congregation Neveh Shalom is more than the historic and successful merger of Ahavai Sholom, (founded 1869), and Neveh Zedek, (founded 1892). For 150 years, Neveh Shalom has served Oregon's Jewish Community, hall-marked by blending of all that makes an innovative dynamic congregation

relevant to new generations while continuing to honor traditions.

Neveh Shalom, in the past, presently, and for the foreseeable future will continue to offer spiritual, recreational, cultural, social, and educational programs and services for community members, from infants to seniors.



In addition to thanking the volunteers, members, board of directors, and friends, our congregation will be able to dance, clap, and sing to music that celebrates our Oregon Jewish history. Closing out our 150th anniversary year, lively tunes that honor and celebrate our shared history will be performed by the nationally recognized Oregon original, **the Cherry Blossom Orchestra**.

The jazz, blues and "best of" music performed by the Cherry Blossom Orchestra is inspired by a history of free concerts in 1965 by Louie Armstrong and his All-Stars band on the summertime roof of The Lloyd Center.

Invitations will be mailed out shortly. We look forward to celebrating our history, present and future with you. For more information, please contact: [programs@nevehshalom.org](mailto:programs@nevehshalom.org).



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<p><b>24</b> 26 cheshvan</p> <p>9:00am Morning Minyan</p> <p>9:40am Men's Club Brunch</p> <p>2:00pm Shroud Crowd</p> <p>4:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service, Offsite</p> <p>7:00pm Ilene Safyan Concert</p>	<p><b>25</b> 27 cheshvan</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p> <p>7:15pm Koleinu Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b> 28 cheshvan</p> <p>ALL CLASSES CANCELLED</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p> <p>5:00pm Talmud Class</p>	<p><b>27</b> 29 cheshvan</p> <p>ALL CLASSES CANCELLED</p> <p>7:15am Morning Minyan</p> <p>SIGD</p>	<p><b>28</b> 30 cheshvan</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>ALL CLASSES CANCELLED</p> <p>9:00am Morning Minyan</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p><b>29</b> 1 kislev 4:11pm </p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>9:00am Morning Minyan</p> <p>6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p><b>30</b> 2 kislev 5:11pm </p> <p>Emma Rubin Bat Mitzvah</p> <p>9:00am Shabbat Services</p> <p>9:30am Downstairs Minyan</p> <p><i>Toldot</i></p>

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# 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

**Kabbalat Shabbat with Ilene Safyan**  
Friday, Nov 1, Dec 6, 6:15pm  
Join us for this special Kabbalat Shabbat accompanied by Ilene Safyan.

**New Member Brunch**  
Sunday, November 3, 9:30am  
Our newest members are invited to a special brunch with the clergy and Board. Contact: [programs@nevehshalom.org](mailto:programs@nevehshalom.org).

**Book Talk: *To Learn and to Teach, Lilmod ul'lamed: The Life of Rabbi Joshua Stampfer* by David Michael Smith**  
Sunday, November 3, 4:00pm, Rm 111  
Discuss the biography of Rabbi Emeritus Joshua Stampfer. More: [kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org](mailto:kgoldhammer@nevehshalom.org).

**Nosh & Drash with Rabbi Eve**  
Thurs, Nov 14, Dec 12, 11:30am, MJCC  
Time for relaxed study & good conversation. More: [eposen@nevehshalom.org](mailto:eposen@nevehshalom.org).

**Sisterhood Potluck Gathering**  
Thursday, November 14, 6:00pm  
Join the Sisterhood for a schmooze and potluck dinner. All are welcome.

**Men's Club Brunch**  
Sunday, November 24, 9:40am  
Please join the Men's club for their popular brunch speaker series with Doctors Charles and Leslie Elder will be discussing their new book, *Picture of Health*. \$5 suggested. Free for Men's Club members.

**Abrahamic Thanksgiving Worship Service**  
Sunday, November 24, 4:00pm  
A special Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service at the Westminster Presbyterian Church w/ Rabbi Eve Posen, Rev. Beth Neel & Imam Abdulah Polovina. RSVP by 11/20 to: [abrahamicthanksgiving@gmail.com](mailto:abrahamicthanksgiving@gmail.com).

## A Festival of Curiosity *Learning Opportunities in the Month of November*

**4th Annual Scholar-in-Residence with Rabbi Elana Zaiman**  
November 6-10, 2019



CNS and the Suher family announce the fourth annual Scholar in Residence program in memory of Yoni Suher (z"l), featuring Rabbi Elana Zaiman, author of *Forever Letters*. More at: [nevehshalom.org/scholar-in-residence](http://nevehshalom.org/scholar-in-residence).

**Guest presenter Dr. Rachel Adelman**  
Saturday Nov 23, 2019, at Services and at 1:00pm



Join us for a special presentation with feminist Jewish writer and teacher, Dr. Rachel Adelman. She will offer the D'var Torah during Shabbat morning services and will be guest teaching on the topic "Hanukkah Heroines of Yore" in the afternoon. Dr. Adelman teaches Hebrew Bible in the rabbinical program at Hebrew College in Boston. Her most recent book is *The Female Ruse — Women's Deception and Divine Sanction in the Hebrew Bible*.

**Painful Hope: Cultivating a Foundation for Peace**  
Saturday, November 23, 7:00-9:00pm



Roots/Shorashim/Judar is a unique collaboration of local Palestinians and Israelis building a model for co-existence by fostering a grassroots movement of understanding, nonviolence, and transformation. Please join us as Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, an Orthodox rabbi and passionate Zionist settler, and Palestinian Shadi Abu Awwad, the architect and coordinator of the Roots youth movement, visit us to share their personal stories and how they are working together to build a better future for their peoples through ROOTS. More at: [nevehshalom.org/israel360roots](http://nevehshalom.org/israel360roots).

**"A Little Night Music" A Night of Music with Ilene Safyan & Barry Lavine**  
Sunday, November 24, 7:00pm

Join us for a special concert featuring Ilene Safyan and Barry Lavine. It will be a beautiful night of music, delicious desserts, and great wine! \$36 per person. Space is limited. For tickets, please RSVP to [receptionist@nevehshalom.org](mailto:receptionist@nevehshalom.org).

**How to Make Your Estate Work for You: An Afternoon with Leonard Duboff**  
Sunday, December 8, 1:00pm

CNS member Leonard DuBoff was a professor of law at Stanford Law School and Lewis & Clark Law School. He will provide insights into estate planning, wills and trusts, art law, and law for small business owners. Contact: [dmarshall@nevehshalom.org](mailto:dmarshall@nevehshalom.org).

# Neveh Shalom for These Great Programs!

## Film Club: *Fig Tree*

**Sunday, December 8, 4:00pm**

Join the Feldstein Library Film Club for a special screening of the film *Fig Tree*.

## Wondering Jews: Laughter Yoga

**Tuesday, December 11, 2:00pm**

Join the Wondering Jews (65+) for playful laughter and mindful breathing exercises led by Stephen Rosenstock to stimulate joy and peace. All are welcome! Programs@nevehshalom.org.

## Sisterhood Latke & Vodka Party

**Thursday, December 12, 7:00pm**

Join Sisterhood for a pre-Chanukah celebration. We'll have latkes to eat, vodka to sample, and we will learn about Chanukah celebrations in other cultures. All are welcome. Contact Sheryl Robert at (503) 349-1090. \$18/person; \$30/couple. RSVP by 12/3/19.

## Dad's Night Out - Chanukah

**Thursday, December 12, 7:30pm**

Planned by a group of guys who like having a reason to head out, get to know other dads, and have a drink with clergy. Open to all dads raising Jewish kids. Any stage of parenting. \$5 suggestion. RSVP: programs@nevehshalom.org.

## Women's Torah Study

**Saturday, Dec 14, 12:30pm, Rm 111**

Join Mel Berwin for uplifting learning & conversation – all levels welcome!

## CNS 150 Gala Celebration Sunday, Dec 15, 2019, 6:00pm

Mark your calendars for the final CNS 150 Anniversary program of our celebratory year: a fun and casual gala dinner. Entertainment by the Cherry Blossom Orchestra. RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/cns150gala>.



## CNS Community Chanukah Party

**Sunday, December 22, 5:00pm**

Celebrate the festival of lights with your Neveh Shalom Family. Remember to bring your own chanukiah to light with the community. Latke dinner: \$18/adults, \$12/kids, \$54/family max. RSVP for dinner at: [tinyurl.com/CNSChanukah2019](https://tinyurl.com/CNSChanukah2019). \*Dinner included with Young Family Shul Pass.

## 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**

Room 31

**Torah Troop for 3rd-5th Graders**

**1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:00am**

Room 102

**Fourth Fridays w/ Rabbi Eve (age 0-6)**

**Friday, Nov 22 Dec 27, 5:15pm**

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

**K-6th Grade Led Kabbalat Shabbat**

**Friday, November 22, 6:15pm**

Join the ALIYAH K-6th graders as they lead a special Kabbalat Shabbat.

**Kadima Pre-Chanukah Fun**

**Sunday, Dec 1, 12:00pm**

**Jr. Kadima Pre-Chanukah Fun**

**Sunday, Dec 1, 3:00pm**

**USY Event - IC Pump up and fun @CNS**

**Sunday, December 8, 5:00pm**

**Young Family PJ Havdallah**

**Saturday, December 14, 5:15pm**

Young families say goodbye to Shabbat in our PJs with dinner, stories, art & fun. \$30/family or included with the Shul Pass. RSVP: [nevehshalom.org/pjhavdallah](https://nevehshalom.org/pjhavdallah).

## CELEBRATE Chanukah! A Family Festival

**Sunday, December 15**

**9am-12pm: ALIYAH & K-6 families**

**9:30am-11am: Young Families**

Join the community for Chanukah themed art projects, music & stories, dreidel-playing, and Chanukah treats! Free and open to all CNS, Foundation School, and Shoresim families. More info: [jbezodis@nevehshalom.org](mailto:jbezodis@nevehshalom.org)

## Lend a Hand

**Never Again Coalition Monthly Meeting**

**Mon, Nov 4, Dec 2, 7:00pm, Kol Shalom**

**Habitat for Humanity Build**

**Sunday, November 10, 9am-4pm**

CNS members join the Bilal Mosque for a Habitat for Humanity build! No building skills required; Habitat trains you on the site. RSVP to Steve Sirkin [steve-jew18@frontier.com](mailto:steve-jew18@frontier.com) or 503-680-7006.

**Outside In Cooking**

**Sunday, Nov 10, Dec 8, 12:00pm**

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

**Soup to the Streets**

**Monday, Nov 11, Dec 9, 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. To RSVP for address and to donate food supplies, contact: [Irichmond@nevehshalom.org](mailto:Irichmond@nevehshalom.org).

**Shroud Crowd**

**Sun, Nov 24, Dec 8, 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](mailto:sandyaxel@msn.com).

*Please note: Programs are subject to change; please contact the office for more information: 503.246.8831 or visit the website at: [www.nevehshalom.org](http://www.nevehshalom.org).*



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*Congregation Neveh Shalom and the Suher Family Present*

# THE 4TH ANNUAL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI ELANA ZAIMAN

*Author of The Forever Letters*



**NOVEMBER 6-10, 2019**

**Wed, Nov 6, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Talk**  
Navigating the Teen Years: Opening  
the Door to Conversation and  
Connection

**Fri, Nov 8, 7:15pm Dinner and Talk**  
Connecting in These Times of  
Political and Social Unrest

**Sat, Nov 9, 12:15pm Lunch and Study**  
What Makes a Forever  
Letter Resonate

**Sun, Nov 10, 9am Brunch and Talk**  
The Forever Letter Writing  
Experience

**Complimentary meals are provided  
at each talk with RSVP.  
Seating is limited.**

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*In memory of Yoni Suher, z"l*



*Congregation Neveh Shalom*

# CNS 150 GALA CELEBRATION

## HONORING OUR HISTORY

### SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
5:00PM

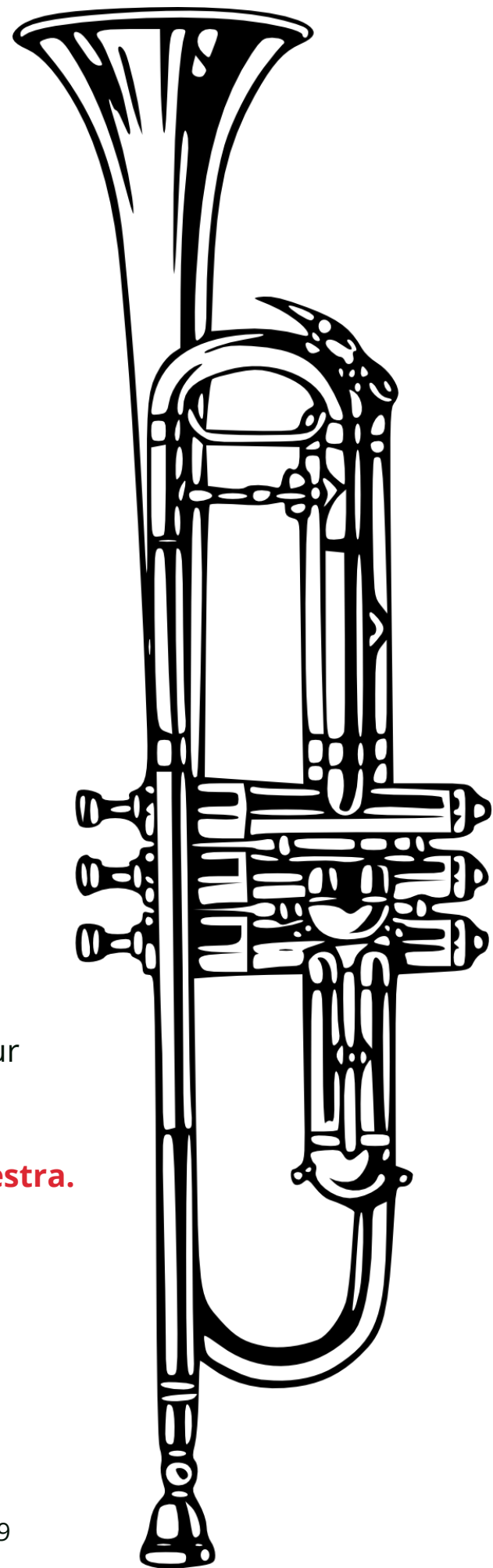
Get your tickets now for the final program of our celebratory year: a fun and casual gala dinner.

Entertainment by the **Cherry Blossom Orchestra.**

For more information, please contact Michelle Caplan at: [programs@nevehshalom.org](mailto:programs@nevehshalom.org)  
Tickets at: <https://tinyurl.com/cns150gala>



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# Roots | Shorashim | Judur

A Local Palestinian Israeli Initiative for Understanding,  
Nonviolence and Transformation

## Painful Hope

**Saturday, November 23, 7-9pm**

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Please join Israel360 for an evening with Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger  
and Shadi Abu Awwad of Shorashim/ Judur/ Roots.

**Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger** is an Orthodox rabbi and teacher, and a passionate Zionist settler who has been profoundly transformed by his friendship with Ali Abu Awwad, a leading Palestinian nonviolence activist. The two of them were part of the core group that founded Roots in the beginning of 2014.

**Shadi Abu Awwad** created the Roots youth program and was its first director. Local Palestinian and Israeli teenagers, who would otherwise never met each other, learn to acknowledge each other's humanity and become a new type of leader who can work together with the other side – and not against it – to create a better future for their peoples.

Please visit [www.friendsofroots.net](http://www.friendsofroots.net) for more information on the inspiring grassroots projects being done by these Israelis and Palestinians who share the conviction that human understanding and trust are the prerequisites for lasting justice, freedom and peace on that tiny sliver of land that they both call home.





NEVEH SHALOM PRESENTS

# DR. RACHEL ADELMAN

Feminist Jewish Writer and Teacher

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 23  
AT SERVICES AND AT 1PM**

## HANUKKAH HEROINES OF YORE

Join us for a special presentation with feminist Jewish writer and teacher, Dr. Rachel Adelman. She will offer the D'var Torah during Shabbat morning services and will be guest teaching on the topic "Hanukkah Heroines of Yore" in the afternoon. Dr. Adelman teaches Hebrew Bible in the rabbinical program at Hebrew College in Boston. Her most recent book is *The Female Ruse – Women's Deception and Divine Sanction in the Hebrew Bible*.



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# CNS COMMUNITY CHANUKAH PARTY

Celebrate the festival of lights with your Neveh Shalom Family. Remember to bring your own chanukiah to light with the community.

Latke dinner: \$18/adults, \$12/kids, \$54/family max. *Dinner included with Young Family Shul Pass.*

RSVP for dinner at:  
[tinyurl.com/CNSChanukah2019](https://tinyurl.com/CNSChanukah2019)

**Sunday, December 22, 5:00pm**



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CNS SISTERHOOD  
PRESENTS

# LATKE & VODKA PARTY

THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 12  
7:00PM - 9:00PM



Join Sisterhood for a pre-Chanukah celebration. We'll have latkes to eat, vodka to sample, and we will learn about Chanukah celebrations in other cultures.

All are welcome. \$18/person;  
\$30/couple. RSVP by 12/3/19.  
Contact Sheryl Robert at  
(503) 349-1090.

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