

Congregation Neveh Shalom

CHRONICLE

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From the Pulpit

Making Our Way from Purim to Passover



The traditional annual trek is from Passover to Shavuot, from liberation in Egypt to revelation at Mt. Sinai. Here we reenact the seven week journey of a newly freed people en route to meet its God so as to receive God's commandments and mandates.

However, I would like to suggest an alternative emotional wandering from Purim to Passover. Ostensibly the two pre-spring and spring holidays have nothing that binds them to each other. Purim celebrates events set in Persia some 800 years before Moses' triumph over Pharaoh. Purim is observed with great frivolity—with costumes and groggers, while Passover employs

symbols of oppression and freedom—bitter herbs and matza, setting the scene for far more serious engagement.

And yet the two festivals commemorate two distinct poles in Jewish life. Purim is the consummate Diaspora observance. Its interest is in the fragility of the status of Jews living in a foreign land. Anti-Semitism lurks just beneath the surface. One does not have the impression that Haman is the lone racist, but that he easily taps into a worldview in which Jews are perceived as outsiders and pariahs, expendable and without too much urging, subject to hatred and abuse from the local populous. Esther is advised to hide her Jewish identity when she appears as a candidate for queen. She is then reluctant to reveal her origins when Mordecai later instructs her to go to the king to save the Jews. Purim became the paradigmatic holiday for Jews living at the whim of local political despots, subject to summary withdrawal of basic human rights, blood libel, expulsion, pogrom and even execution.

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Passover Services

Monday, April 2

Service for the First Born: 7am
First Seder

Tuesday, April 3

First Day Services: 9am
Second Seder Dinner at CNS: 6pm

Wednesday, April 4

Second Day Services: 9am

Thursday & Friday, April 5 & 6

Hol Hamoed/Daily Minyan: 7am

Friday, April 6

Erev Shabbat Services: 6:15pm

Saturday, April 7

Shabbat Services: 9am

Sunday, April 8

Hol Hamoed/Daily Minyan: 9am

Monday, April 9

Seventh Day Services: 9am

Tuesday, April 10

Eighth Day Yizkor Service: 9am

PURIM
The Rock Opera

Based on the story of Esther, in the spirit of
Tommy, Hair, Godspell, Rent &
Jesus Christ Superstar
Directed by Mark Steering
Accompanied by Barry Lavine

Sunday
March 4, 2007
1pm & 7pm

Tickets:
\$5 admission
\$5 lunch
\$8, for both admission & lunch,
if purchased in advance

503.246.8831, ext 100 or jmarquis@nevehshalom.org
for tickets & information

Passport to Paris

Auction 2007

Sunday

April 29

5 pm

visit the website!
nevehshalom.org/auction



Neveh Shalom Family

In Memoriam

The Congregation extends its sincere sympathy to the families of

Sandra Caplan

Lillian Chinitz

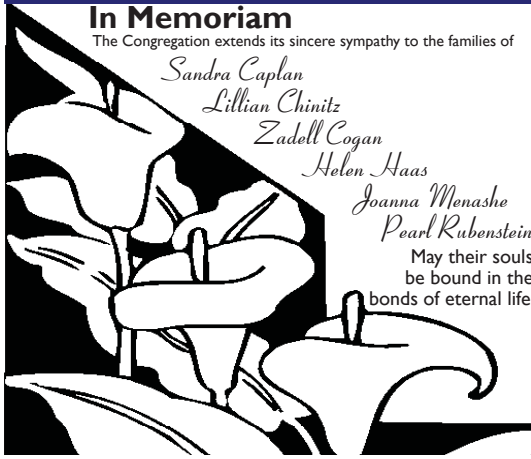
Zadell Cogan

Helen Haas

Joanna Menashe

Pearl Rubenstein

May their souls
be bound in the
bonds of eternal life.



NOTICE

Would you like to tell your CNS family about the life of your loved one? Beginning in the April issue of *The Chronicle*, we will be accepting brief obituary submissions (max. 100 words) for CNS members who have died in the past month. Email your submission, by the first Friday of the month, to *Chronicle* editor: sjones@nevehshalom.org. Please contact the office at 503.246.8831, ext 133, with any questions.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to our members **Alan & Vicki Rotstein** on the death of Alan's uncle, Mel Rotstein; **Bette Lynn Menashe** on the death of her aunt, **Pearl Rubenstein**; **David, Jeffrey, Victor and Solomon Menashe** on the death of their grandmother and mother, **Joanna Menashe**; and **Gerald Cogan** on the death of his wife, **Zadell Cogan**.

Refuah Shlema



Refuah Shlema, a speedy recovery,
to **Phil Gladstein, Stan Eastern and Ruth Friedel**.

Clergy Visits

To assure that clergy make visits to congregants in the hospital, extended care facilities and hospices, please contact the office at Congregation Neveh Shalom: **503.246.8831**.

In an effort to comply with the new patient privacy laws, health-care facilities may not release the names of their patients; so it is imperative that you provide the name of the member, the facility name, patient's room number, length of anticipated stay, your relationship to the patient and a number where you can be reached if further information is needed.

Welcome, New Members

Neveh Shalom extends a warm welcome to new members: **Mat Braun, Meagan Hessel and Bobby & Tom Kramer**. We look forward to their participation in synagogue life.

Kol Ha-Kavod!

Every simcha is special. Congratulations to our many members who are celebrating throughout March. In particular, Mazel Tov to the following members who are celebrating special milestones!

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Arkady & Rita Buzinover
Sherri & David Cook
Steve & Michelle Gradow
Wayne & Peggy Harvey

Steven & Janet Landsberg
Jerome & Geraldine Roth
Mike & Janice Shainsky
Ariel & Phillip Shattan

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Allan Abravanel
Jon Berger
Aviva Brandt
Gideon Caron
Stanley Constantine
Richard Glick
Anthony Kostiner

Randi McLenithan
Lou Menashe
Jack Menashe
Moisey Onikul
Mindla Redvinitzer
Marvin Rosen
Melvin Rosenbloom

David Rubin
Mylan Shenker
Muriel Unkeles
Stan Van de Venter
Michael Wall
Scott Weinrobe
Ivan Zackheim

PLEASE NOTE

Share your life-cycle events and accomplishments with
your congregation. The deadline for April
Chronicle submissions is

Friday, March 2

Email submissions to *Chronicle* Editor, Shawn Jones,
at sjones@nevehshalom.org

Shabbat Unplugged

Friday, March 9, 6:15pm

Zidell Chapel

A meditation service with
Cantor Linda Shivers

Neveh Shalom Family



Mazel Tov to **Nora Helfand** on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah March 16 & 17. Nora is the daughter of **Mark Helfand & Lori Hedrick**, and the sister of Helen. Her grandparents are Doris & Howard Hedrick of Portland, Seymour Helfand of Chicago, and Gloria Helfand of blessed memory. Nora is a 7th-grade student at Robert Gray Middle School. She enjoys Hebrew study, piano, computers, cats, running, family Scrabble games, and snow days!



Mazel Tov to **Rivkah Hadas Solomon-Smith** on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah March 23 & 24. Rivkah is the daughter of **Diane N. Solomon** and Scott Smith, and the sister of Havah, Adi and Edin. Her grandparents are Elene & Herbert Solomon, Darlene Pursley and Russ & Janis Smith. Rivkah is a 7th grader at PJA. She enjoys Music, dancing, creating computer graphics, being with her friends, playing in a loving and fun way as big sister to her two little brothers, and of course, shopping.

Membership

We continue to hear from various congregants about how they made their way to Neveh Shalom, and more importantly, what continues to keep them connected to the synagogue. This month, **Sheila & Bruce Stern** share their story:

Alternative Portlanders, our families belonged to different synagogues: One family at Neveh Zedek and one at Ahavai Shalom. As children, membership and attendance at the synagogue were taken for granted. Eight years after the synagogues united to become Neveh Shalom, we also united and were married at the synagogue by Rabbi Stampfer.

After leaving Portland and living in other states for five years, and not feeling the need to pursue membership in any synagogue, we returned to Portland. We still did not feel the need to become members until our children were ready to enter the Foundation School. At that point we became active in Women's League and Men's Club, as well as Sheila becoming a member of the Foundation School staff. Over the years, the importance of synagogue life became more apparent to us. Much of our life now revolves around the activities that take place at Neveh Shalom and people we meet there. After 28 years of membership, the synagogue is our "home away from home."

And a big Todah Rabah to **Caren & Jeff Cohen** for hosting a focus group at their home in February. If you would like to tell your story, or become a part of the Membership Committee, please contact **Julie Zola** at juliezola@azalumni.com, or 503.466.1639. Shalom!

Kvell with Us



Mazel Tov to **Abby & Eric Peet** who welcomed Gemma Edythe Peet on January 26, 2007. Gemma joins big brother, Moses.

Mazel Tov to **Darlene & Jack Menashe** on the birth of their first

great-grandchild, Gavyn Dajah Menashe, born February 6. Her parents are Isaac and Amber Menashe of Palmer, Alaska.



SUIT CLOSET

Donations wanted! Do you have a suit that your son all-too-rapidly outgrew right after his bar mitzvah? Don't let it collect dust! Share it with others! The Suit Closet is a great new place to donate to or borrow from.

This Suit Closet benefits those in need and supports environmental sensitivity by recycling, rather than discarding, old apparel. **Stephanie Arnheim** is in the process of collecting suits in

like-new condition for this special project. Please only donate suits that are clean. We are accepting donations of shirts and shoes as well. Please make your contribution at the CNS offices, or directly to Stephanie. And, if you would like to borrow from our collection for your own son's use, please contact **Stephanie Arnheim** at 503.690.7768 or stephanie@landeasyc.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Torah Fund Tea

Honoring Gloria Bacharach's 20 years of service in our Judaica Shop

April 15, 3pm

Please now use the following numbers to reach CNS staff members and/or departments directly.

PLEASE CLIP & SAVE

Marci Atkins:	503.293.7308
Susan Bernstein/Religious School:	503.293.7306
JoAnn Bezodis:	503.293.7309
Michelle Caplan:	503.293.7305
Hilde Jacob/Library:	503.293.7311
Dayle Maizells-Tyrrell/Rel. School:	503.293.7312
Helene Martel:	503.293.7314
Cantor Linda Shivers:	503.293.7301
Jan Skolnik/Foundation School:	503.293.7307

CLIP & SAVE



Planting Tu B'Shevat Memories



Feldstein Library News

PASSOVER 2007

Preparing for PASSOVER starts at the FELDSTEIN LIBRARY and the BOOK NOOK of the Gift shop.

Passover sale March 18, 07 9am to 12:30pm

Large variety of HAGGADOT, PASSOVER COOK BOOKS, CHILDREN'S' BOOKS for Afikomen presents.

Come early for the best selection!

Sale: 10 volume
UNIVERSAL JEWISH
ENCYCLOPEDIA - \$50.-
Proceeds benefit the
Feldstein Library
Call Hilde at
503.293.7311 or
hjacob@nevehshalom.org

Coming Together, Coming Apart by Daniel Gordis

A memoir of heartbreak and promise in Israel

The Book of Customs by Scott-Martin Kosofsky

A complete handbook for the whole year. It includes blessings for food and drink, preparation for Shabbat and holidays, Rosh Hodesh, Yom Haatzmaut, minor and major holidays, life cycle events and much more.

Scars of War, Wounds of Peace by Shlomo Ben Ami.

A major work of history by an Oxford trained historian, a key figure in the Camp David negotiations. A must read to understand the dynamics of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Secrets of A Bar Mitzvah Mom by Nancy Berk

A humorous review and self-help resource for anyone planning a Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Capital Crimes by Jonathan and Faye Kellerman.

The husband and wife authors team up for two powerful crime thrillers

Fodor's Israel

A complete, just published guide to Israel

A Modern Jewish Mom's Guide to Shabbat by Meredith Jacobs

An accessible guide at every level of observance

Among the Righteous : Lost Stories from the Holocaust's Long Reach into Arab Lands by Robert Satloff

The author, and expert on Arab-Islamic politics examines how Jews in Arab countries fared during the Holocaust

First Seder: April 2, 2007

Orders for HAGGADOT: call Hilde at
503.293.7311 or hjacob@nevehshalom.org

Library Winter Hours

Sunday: 8am to noon*

Monday: 8:30am to 1:30pm

Tuesday: 8:30am to 1:30pm

Wednesday: 5pm to 8:30pm*

Thursday: 8:30am to 1:30pm

*When Religious School is open

Closed Friday & Saturday

Neveh Shalom Family

Cantor's Notes



I hope you are still remembering fondly the wonderful weekend we had with Cantor Marshall Portnoy and his daughter Julie Beth Portnoy. There were many high points of Shabbat Shira that we spent with them but I will never forget that unbelievable reading of the *Song of the Sea*. What a gift we got that morning!

Nothing would have been the same that weekend were it not for all the hard work of the choir. Every member of the choir participated in making it happen in some way; all the way from posting flyers to selling tickets and of course by lending a voice to the beautiful harmony. Thank you especially to **Esther Liberman**, the chair of the choir committee, to **Julie Brophy** and to **Irene Hecht** who were the prime directors for everything that happened. Julie sent out untold numbers of emails to confirm who did what and who was supposed to do the next things that needed doing. Irene was in charge of fund-raising. Esther bought the food for the reception and helped design the programs and flyers. **John Barton** kept track of all the money and gave us updated spreadsheets on a regular basis. A huge thanks goes to our conductor, **Becky Thompson**, who always makes us sound great.

In addition to the choir, I want to thank the ushers under the direction of **Janet Franco** and Gila Ormiston. Thank you to **Isaak & Ninel Mad**, **Nancy Diamond**, **Barbara Nagy** and **Michelle Stein**. Thank you to **Doug Shivers** who made the website that let you hear Cantor Portnoy's music and, I hope, led you to order a ticket. Thanks to Stew Dodge and Stew Dodge Sound. Thanks to Century Catering for the delicious meal Friday night. Thanks to Shawn Jones for her graphic help and making the programs, flyers and tickets. Thanks to Julie Marquis for keeping track of the ticket orders and selling the advance sales tickets. Thanks to all the patrons and sponsors of the event. Unfortunately, two of the sponsors, **Diana & Ken Golden**, were left off the program. Thanks to **Fred Rothstein** for being such a good sport and doing the skit and thanks to **Rabbi Isaak** for his welcoming the audience. Thanks to one of the newest members of our synagogue, **Marjorie Janove**, who accompanied Cantor Portnoy and the choir. She is a terrific pianist who very graciously went with the flow as things were constantly changing.

Get your tickets now for the Purim play, Purim: The Rock Opera. This shpiel is the best yet with **Lily Nagy-Deak** as the lovely Esther and **Lisa Rosenthal** as Mordichana. You'll have to come to find out the rest of the cast! If you purchase your ticket in advance, for only \$8 you can get the play and lunch. The lunch is a benefit for our USY. The day of the performance, lunch and the play will each be \$5. Better you should pay in advance!

Finally, I am very proud to invite you to my daughter, Sheerya's, recital on Saturday night, April 7, at 8:30 pm. Sheerya will be repeating her senior voice recital that she did in February at Illinois Wesleyan U. in Bloomington, IL. Since none of you were able to come hear her in Illinois, we hope you will join us on April 7.

Cantor Linda Shivers

Portnoy Concert Hits a High Note



From the President



As many of you know, my other volunteer job, besides synagogue work, is with Girl Scouting. In fact, I was a Girl Scout before I was Jewish! Many of the ideals that we hold true in Judaism are present in the Girl Scout Promise and Law: to serve God; to be helpful, caring, considerate, and respectful to others; to be responsible for our actions; to use our resources wisely; and to make the world a better place. Many people view Scouting as a "Christian" organization, which is not true at all. The founders of Scouting determined that it should be open to anyone who professed a belief in God. All major faith groups are represented in Scouting, and Scouts are encouraged to earn the Religious Awards presented by their faith group. As the local liaison for the National Jewish Girl Scout committee, I am available to encourage Jewish Girl Scouts earn their Lehavah, Bat Or, Menorah, and Or Emunah Awards. Contact me if you would like more information about these awards, or about being part of our local Jewish Girl Scout committee. Girl Scout Sabbath is celebrated every year during Girl Scout Week. This year Girl Scout Sabbath occurs on Saturday, March 17. I encourage all current and former Girl Scouts and leaders to wear your uniform (or at least your membership pin) to Shabbat morning services—I'll be there, and I hope to see you there, too.

Sandy Axel, President

Capital Campaign



It's Going to be Great

Since introduction of the Master Plan to the congregation during the High Holy Days, there has been very promising word of mouth among congregants about the vision of an upgraded building and campus. Certainly, the physical aspects depicted in the on-display scale model and the architect's renderings are easy to see and grasp—new construction, reconfigured spaces, cosmetic enhancements—and that makes it fun to embrace how the end result will look.

But what will it take to get there? As documented in this space the past few months, the Board and the Capital Campaign cabinet have been engaged in years of homework on a range of important

topics—architecture and design, master planning, sustainability, timing, construction, and funding.

To achieve the congregation's objective to prepare for the next 40 years, by dramatically improving the campus and facilities, a capital campaign must be successful. Our congregational community

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must embrace the spirit of commitment to something larger than oneself in the same way it looks at a scale model or rendering and says "this is going to be great." The vision must become a reality and that will require every member to participate in the capital campaign at a financial level that is both personally meaningful and reflects their recognition of the role that Congregation Neveh Shalom plays in their own life and in the life of the Jewish community in Portland.

The Jewish community understands well the importance of giving. Jews always have risen to the occasion—providing for those in need through tzedakah; preserving Jewish identity in modern times through education and observance at every level; and protecting Israel and Jews throughout the Diaspora with local, national and international campaigns that gather and allocate resources as needed.

Acknowledging that spirit, our congregation soon will make a statement—one that will allow Congregation Neveh Shalom's future generations to perpetuate our greatest traditions in a place that "is going to be great."

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Passover speaks in very different colors. If Purim is draped in dark grays and black, despite its happy ending, Passover would be drawn in light blues and tans. Passover begins with the defeat of the oppressor. Passover celebrates our independence and the creation of our own sense of who we are. We enter the desert confident of the future, yet completely at God's mercy. The most basic needs of water and food God provides. Oppression is seen as part of our past, not our future. Now survival depends entirely upon us, not

on the good will of others. We are in charge and must make the best use of our resources and creativity to invent who it is we want to be, what we want to stand for, how we want to be known in the world, what we think of ourselves.

Purim, it seems to me is the world of the past. Sure anti-Semitism still exists. There are people who despise us. But in large measure we are in charge of our destiny. 80% of the Jewish community lives in Israel or the United States. The majority of the remainder live in lands where Jews are guaranteed their basic human rights and where we quickly shine the light of exposure upon acts of discrimination. We certainly face challenges of peace and security in Israel and issues of assimilation here in the U.S. But between the paradigms of Purim and Passover, we live today, thank God, much more in the frame of Passover than that of Purim. Our destiny is ours to mold and shape. It is a great responsibility. Our ancestors, as well as our descendants, are counting upon us to do a good job.

As the weather begins to warm, we will prepare to celebrate both festivals with joy and gladness, freedom and independence. Hag Sameach.

Rabbi Daniel Isaak

Yahrzeit Plaques: Lasting Memorials

A Yahrzeit plaque is a lasting tribute that ensures the memory of a loved one will be honored for all time. The purchase of a Yahrzeit plaque guarantees a permanent fixture in the Sanctuary plus a duplicate one that will be displayed on the Yahrzeit. If plaques are ordered by March 30 they will be in the sanctuary in time for Shavuot on May 23. Please contact **Michelle Caplan**, 503.293.7305, or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org, if you would like more information about this tradition and or about purchasing a plaque.

Mausoleum Update

Construction of the new mausoleum at Ahavai Shalom is progressing apace, with a completion date estimated for April, 2007. Please contact Member Services Director, Michelle Caplan, at **503.293.7305** or mcaplan@nevehshalom.org to get price information.



Women's League

Be a part of what makes Women's League such a vibrant and supportive group. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event or meeting.

Join us Thursday, March 22, at 7pm for "50 Ways to Leave Your Clutter," helping us all get organized. A great idea as we start into spring.

On Sunday, April 15, at 3pm we will have our Torah Fund event. We will have a Tea to honor **Gloria Bacharach**, as she retires after 20 years at our Judaica Gift Shop. We will also celebrate our Guardians (\$300 donation) and our Benefactors (\$180 donation). Torah Fund cards are available at our Gift Shop, or contact **Chris Gottlieb**, 503.245.0384. Wear your pin with pride!

Do you need kippot for a Bar Mitzvah, a mezzuzah for a new home? Our Gift Shop is open M-F, 10am-12pm, Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm and Sunday mornings during the school year. The Shop is maintained with volunteers: Can you give us a morning or Wednesday evening? Contact Sue Axel at 503.297.9140 for more information.

In April our members will be attending our Women's League Spring Conference, in Bellevue, Washington. Our own **Linda Alpert** will be honored as an Eishet Hayil (Woman of Valor). It is here our planning begins for the year ahead. It is also a great opportunity to see our friends from the Pacific Northwest Region area.

Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30pm is our monthly Potluck and Planning meeting. It will be held at **Marla Weiner's** home. Everyone is welcome to attend, for more information, contact **Susan Sutherlin**, 503.626.6611.

Susan Sutherlin & Linda Alpert, Women's League Co-Presidents



Men's Club

This year, March is the month when Purim occurs. As part of Purim we celebrate the defeat of Haman, who wanted to destroy the Jews of Shushan. While celebrating and shaking groggers, I

also think about the fact that others who shared Haman's objective inflicted significant pain on us over the years. On Wednesday, March 14, our Men's Club gathers to package the Yom Hashoah candles we will send to the congregation to help us remember those who perished in the Holocaust. We usually start around 5pm. Please contact **Peter Wigmore** if you are interested in helping. On Sunday, March 18, we will have our regular monthly meeting. Eban Goodstein from Lewis and Clark will be speaking to us about global warming. We meet after the 9am morning minyan for breakfast followed by our meeting and speaker. Lastly, if you are interested in helping with our monthly visit to the Oregon Food Bank, please contact **David Sibell**. We look forward to seeing you at our various events.

Joe Goodman, President

Interfaith Food and Farm Project

If you are, or know of, a new American who is a farmer or has a farming background and is interested in getting help starting up a local farm, **help is available**. Please contact **Steve Sirkin** at 503.454.0610, who will put you in contact with the **Interfaith Food and Farm Project**.

New Havurah Groups

Vancouver Havurah

On Tuesday, February 6, the very first CNS Vancouver Havurah met at the home of **Terry & Norm Howard**. **Rabbi Greenstein** led us in a lively discussion about capital crime and the value of life. His wife **Sarah**, and **JoAnn Bezodis** joined in.

We, members of Neveh Shalom, who reside in the "Netherworld" of Washington, appreciate the outreach and support of the congregation and look forward to continued programming. Our next get-together at the Howard's will be Monday, March 5, at 7:15pm.

60+ Havurah

The 60+ Havurah got off to a strong start at the home of **Marsha Sherman & Michael Cohen**, with 18 in attendance, January 21st. We decided to rotate host homes and met again February 25th at **Marlene & Gene Abrams**. Our March meeting will be March 18, 3:00pm, at the home of **Trudy Stone & Mel Hoffman**. For more information, contact **Marsha Sherman** at 503.235.6805.

Southwest Hope for the Hungry

An Interfaith Food Drive benefiting families in SW Portland

February 15-March 31, 2007

Bring in your non-perishable food items to the food collection barrel in the upstairs coat closet. Neighborhood House provides emergency food boxes for over 250 families each month. Our goal is to raise the equivalent of 50,000 pounds of food to feed these families for the next four months. We accept both food and cash donations (\$1 = 1 pound of food).

Congregation Neveh Shalom is joining with other faith organizations and community partners in order to reach this goal. Please give generously. Thank you for your help!



Foundation School

What a busy month at Foundation School! As January ended we celebrated Tu B'Shvat (New Year of the Trees) with a guest visit from retired Foundation School teacher Morah Joanne Raiton. Joanne gave us a lesson about the art of Bonsai, and with her help the children planted a bonsai forest to enjoy in their classrooms.



During February our 2 year-olds enjoyed their nursery rhyme unit and continued their study of nature.

Our 3 year-olds were busy learning about their senses—taste, smell, touch... They also learned about community helpers and what they do at their jobs.

The Pre-Kindergarten classrooms attended the theater production of *The Shoemaker and the Elves* at Brunish Hall. They have also been busy with their "I Am Special" unit. The unit culminated with a delightful brunch that the children prepared and hosted for their parents.

All classes are getting prepared for the fun holiday of Purim. Children will enjoy singing Purim songs and reading Purim stories. They will bake Hamantaschen, decorate beautiful crowns and make Mishloach Manot baskets to share with their families. We will hold our traditional Foundation School Purim Parade on March 2 to complete the Purim celebration.

Jan Skolnik, Foundation School Director & **Sheila Stern**, Asst., 503.293.7308

Religious School

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's book, "Jewish Wisdom", is an important reference and resource that I encourage all families to have in their libraries.

An inspiring story from this book is told by British Rabbi Aryeh Carmell as follows:

"It was past midnight. I was walking through the deserted city to my hotel on the other side of the river. The night was dark and foggy and I couldn't get a taxi. As I approached the bridge, I noticed a shabby figure leaning over the parapet. A 'down-and-out,' I thought. Then he disappeared. I heard a splash. My God, I thought, he's done it. Suicide!

I ran back under the bridge, onto the embankment, and waded into the river, grabbing him as he came past, borne by the current. I dragged him up onto the embankment. He was quite a young guy. He was still breathing. A couple of people noticed and I shouted to them to get an ambulance. They managed to stop a taxi and between us we half dragged, half carried the man into the taxi... I got in and told the driver to drive to the nearest hospital emergency room. I waited until the man was admitted, gave my report and got a taxi back to my hotel at last.

I had ruined a good suit and knew I would have a terrible cold in the morning. I could feel it coming on. But anyway I had saved a life. I had a hot bath and got into bed but it still worried me. Such

a young man! Why had he done it?

The next morning, as soon as I was free, I bought a large bunch of grapes and set off for the hospital. I was determined to find out what was behind this matter. Maybe I could help.

Why was I so interested in the guy? In this great city there were at least half a dozen would-be suicides every night. Their plight did not touch me. Then it dawned on me. Of course. First you give, then you care. I had given quite a lot. I had risked my life and gotten a bad cold in the bargain. I had invested something of myself in that man. Now my love and care were aroused. That's how it goes. First we give, then we come to love."

From where do we learn that if you are in a position to offer testimony on someone's behalf, you are not permitted to remain silent? From "Do not stand by while your neighbor's blood is shed." (Sifra Leviticus)

Susan Bernstein, Religious School Director
503.293.7306

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 4th - All School Purim Celebration

Shabbat, March 10th - Third grade services

Sunday, March 11th - Second grade Parent Meeting

Sunday, March 18th - First grade Family Life Program

Wednesday, March 21st - Eighth-grade Family Life Program

March 25-April 1 - SPRING BREAK: no classes

April 2-10 - PESACH: no classes

Youth Activities

The Youth Activities Department is having a great 2007! The kids have been all over the place, rock climbing, singing at camp, volunteering—what a month it has been! Thanks to all the families and kids that have participated in all of the great events! The youth activities programs are a wonderful way to meet and socialize with other Jewish peers, so please tell your friends and encourage people get involved. My door is always open and I look forward to hearing your suggestions and comments.

Helene Martel, Youth Activities Director
503.293.7314, hmartel@nevehshalom.org

Junior Kadima

It was a so fun to see about 30 Junior Kadimaniks scampering about, climbing up and over, trying to get to the top of the walls, and pretty much taking over The Circuit Gym. The gym staff even complimented us on how well-behaved we were! This month we're heading out on March 11th to go ice skating. The flyers will be arriving soon, so keep an eye out.

Scot Leavitt, Junior Kadima Advisor, 503.246.8831, ext. 160,
jrkadima@portlandrishonim.org

Youth Activities, cont.

Kadima

What a month! Kadima is really starting to “rock” and roll as we hung out at the Rock Climbing gym! It was a lot of fun trying our hand at bouldering and just getting to know one another. We also got ready for Purim as we had a Purim Mask Making party! We laughed, played games and made some pretty far out masks! Look for the Kadima masks at the Megillah reading! Next month Kadima is going to have some adventure as we head out to go play Laser Tag! We know it will be a lot of fun, so bring your friends and your laser tag skills. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to give me call. **Helene Martel**, Youth Activities Director: 503.293.7314, hmartel@nevehshalom.org

USY

Attention all 8th-12th graders! Portland Rishonim is hosting Regional Convention this year at the Sheraton Hotel at the airport from May 18th – May 21st. Mark your calendars! This is a weekend full of fun, friends and amazing programming. Please stay tuned for further details.

Rachelle Vagy, rachelle@kfish.com

International Convention a Blast

We traveled with ECRUSY (East Coast Region USY, their local region) by cars, planes and buses to get to Providence, Rhode Island, the location of Pinwheel USY's pre-convention for USY's International Convention (IC) and then to Boston, where IC officially took place. From the moment we left home, we knew this convention would be one we would never forget.

The favorite part for many of the kids is Pre-Convention. After traveling for more than 12 hours, it is a relief to finally land. There the Pinwheel kids are split into groups for a four-day home stay with kids from the local region. The families were very warm and hospitable. The first day was amazing. We spend almost all of it bonding with our region while getting to know the ECRUSY kids and staff. They took us on a tour of Harvard, we did some boutiqueing around the area and ate a delicious kosher Chinese lunch at the Boston University Hillel. While all of this was exciting, the highlight of the day was outdoor ice skating and the chance to watch the Vancouver Canucks play the Boston Bruins.

On day two we participated in a tour of the summer town of Newport, Rhode Island, and we had the opportunity to pray together in one of the oldest synagogues in America, built during the 1800s. After the tours it was time to go back and get ready for Shabbat. Shabbat was very special with the Providence chapter and the ECRUSY region. We played fun icebreakers, the food was fabulous, but the best part, as always, was the ruach session. In Pinwheel, the ruach on Shabbat is always exciting but always the same. Sharing Shabbat with such a diverse group of kids exposed us to different traditions and tunes. It was great to be able to teach our host chapter our favorite tunes and learn theirs as well.

To finish off the weekend and start IC, International USY put on a huge dance in the Boston's Children's Museum. Imagine 1200 kids crammed on three levels, up and down the stairs, all talking, laughing and dancing to loud music. The energy was intense. I felt a bit sad leaving our hosts, but the memories will last forever. A new excitement was felt after the dance as we headed to Boston for the big convention. We couldn't wait for the huge amounts of Jewish kids, more bonding with our new friends from ECRUSY, and the new friendships that were waiting to be made.

The first night of IC is always dominated by opening ceremonies which were INCREDIBLE. Basically, an hour or two after everyone

arrives at IC, all of the regions run around the main meeting room singing their regional songs at the top of their lungs, dancing and getting pumped up. Running through the hall surrounded by the whole region, screaming Pinwheel's song (we're the fourth-smallest region, so we had to be loud!), then suddenly entering the main room and being surrounded by 1200 kids all celebrating their love of Judaism is definitely an unforgettable event.

The next days of IC were filled with ruach sessions, food, learning sessions, and chances to explore Boston. Probably one of the coolest parts of IC was the Lag Ba'Omer Concert on Tuesday night. HaDag Nachash is a popular Israeli band whose songs are very popular in USY. After one song, even those who said they weren't fans were dancing and rocking out.

One of the main purposes of IC is to elect new international officers. Speeches are read and questions are asked to help everyone become familiar with the candidates. After elections, the old and new officers take the opportunity to meet and check in on their regional counterparts. This gives the regional boards the opportunity to learn new ways to help USY and their individual regions grow and be successful.

Going to International Convention was a life changing event for many who attended. There were opportunities for everyone to learn about Judaism, USY summer programs, Israel, and to make new friends. Next year IC will be held on the west coast in Anaheim, California. Everyone is already so excited for the new opportunities, friendships and fun that will take place there.

Mindy Rappoport, Seattle Achim Chapter President

Maya Seidel, Eugene Barvazim Chapter President



January 20, 2007: The one night Jews are on time! Parents' Night Out, another success story, attracts eager parents. *Lilo & Stitch* were saving the world while event coordinator/USY Advisor **Rachelle Vagy** ran ice cream scoops and root beer floats around the room. Excitement was in the air the entire night as USY President, **Shana Bloom**, headed the fundraiser. Followed closely, **Daniel Axel**, **Beth Salzberg**, and **Danit Rothstein**: "We all enjoyed changing those diapers!" Thanks to staffers, **Leigh Feldman**, **Brad Chusid**, **Rochelle Schwartz**, and **Micah Adams**, the flawless evening sent some kids home fast asleep, some kids just fast. However, not too many with too many ice cream-stained shirts.

February 9, 2007: Shabbat at Robison! We all enjoyed great time with friends of all ages! That's right, we spread the Simcha of Shabbos! We all learned that we are only as old as we think we are. So a little cheer around the Robison Home revitalized our friends.

Game night at Neveh was a fantastic! Poker, Black Jack, Monopoly, and that was just the small time tables! Yes, USY'ers had a fabulous time making new friends and playing fun games.

Ariel Bacharach, USY board, Israeli Affairs

Committee News

Auction! Auction!



Passport to Paris
Neveh Shalom's Annual Auction
Sunday, April 29, 5:00pm
Birnbach Hall

Things are moving full steam ahead in preparations for this year's Auction—**Passport to Paris**—which will be taking place at 5 pm on April 29, 2007. It promises to be a night to remember!

One change we have made this year is to put more emphasis on soliciting sponsorships from the local business community. Do you know a local merchant who would like to increase their marketing exposure to support this wonderful event? Perhaps the company you work for has a matching program for donating to non-profit organizations? If yes, we would like to hear from you. Please contact **Rich Zwetchkenbaum** at RjZwetchkenbaum@aol.com for more information about our exciting sponsorship programs.

Our congregation depends on the success of this event to continue to provide services, programs and opportunities that enrich the lives of our 1,000 member families and our local community. We appreciate and depend on your generosity to bring success to this event. A donation form can be downloaded from our website at **nevehshalom.org/auction**. Although many people have already graciously agreed to help, we could always use more smiling, energetic volunteers to join our committees. As we get closer to the date, we are going to need people to help out during the day of event.

Call or email **JoAnn Bezodis** at 503.293.7309 or jbezodis@nevehshalom.org if you can offer time, have questions or would like to share ideas.

We invite your input and your participation. Be sure to save April 29th for a spectacular evening. Thank you for your continued support of Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Todd Friedman and Jeff Katz: Auction 2007 Co-Chairs

Empty Nest

We had a lovely potluck lunch at the home of

Giselle Bawnik in January.

Conversation flowed and the food was delicious. In February,

we got exotic with a Brazilian cooking class. Our next event in March will be Game Night at the home of **Barbara Mandell & Ed Steinberg** Saturday, March 17, at 7:30pm. Their address is 5330 Amberwood Ct., Lake Oswego. Please bring a favorite game and/or a dessert. RSVP by March 10 to edbarstein@comcast.net or 503.624.0787.



Hinenu



check out our website!
hinenu.org

On Sunday, February 4, Hinenu members got down and dirty with nature to fulfill the mitzvah of planting a tree for Tu B'Shevat. At Dickinson Park in Southwest Portland, the group was the first to break ground on the wetlands restoration project. The event was the first of many social action projects Hinenu has planned for the future.

Now that the seedlings are in the ground and putting down roots, Hinenu's focus turns to Purim. The Hamentaschen Baking Party kicks off the festivities on March 4th, leading up to the Purim Party extravaganza on March 10th. Hinenu co-chair **Jessica Krivoy** summarizes the theme of the party as, "an opportunity for folks to come together to socialize and have fun while the undercurrent of the story of Purim floats throughout the room." With plans for a costume contest and fashion show, great music, delicious desserts and a no-host bar featuring a special Purim-themed drink, the party promises to be a night to remember.

Hinenu is a group for young adults in their 20s and 30s who are post-college but pre-kids. We need your input and involvement to help it grow! For more information, contact Hinenu's Co-Chairs **Jessica Krivoy**, jessica.krivoy@gmail.com, or **Eva Novick**, eva.brian@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing new faces at our next event!

Outside-In Cooking

Outside In will be cooking March 11 at 10:30am. Meet at the kitchen. Email head chef, **Aviva Zigman** at ajzigman@hotmail.com with questions or comments.

College Outreach

We packed the Purim treats on February 21 for our children at college or away from home. If you want your child's name included on our mailing list, contact **Giselle Bawnik** at 503.644.4490 or giselle@teleport.com. The gratitude expressed to me during winter break by students receiving packages was really touching. It means a lot to them. So do not hesitate to get your child's name on our list. Thank you.

Senior Lunch Bunch



The Senior Lunch this month will be Tuesday, March 13 at 12 noon in the Birnbach Social Hall. RSVP by Friday, March 9 to Julie Marquis in the office at jmarquis@nevehshalom.org or 503.246.8831, ext 100. Please join us!

First Babies Group



The First Babies Group will have their next event on Sunday, March 4. We will gather for a potluck brunch at 10:00am to celebrate Purim. The place has yet to be determined. To bring a dairy dish, please RSVP to **Michelle Katz**.



The First Babies Group has also started sponsoring a new monthly get together called "Come Schmooze" for moms, dads and their children.



These social gathering allow new parents, new and old community members, and their children to meet one another, network and build new friendships. We welcome anyone in the Jewish community with children between newborn and 3 years. There are age-appropriate toys and nosh for everyone. The next "Come Schmooze" will be on Sunday, March 25th, from 9-11am. If you have questions or would like more information about these events, please contact **Michelle Katz** at 503.292.3380 or oregonkatz@comcast.net.



Keruv

The root of KERUV means "to bring close." Keruv is a program to reach out to intermarried couples, to address the needs of families that are directly or indirectly affected by intermarriage, and to encourage inclusion and participation.

Our last 2 meetings were on Sunday morning, January 28th and February 25th. We never fail to have a lively discussion sprinkled with humor, as we share our experiences, swap ideas, and find new friendships as we support each other. We welcome all intermarried couples to join us. Please contact **Randy Grossman** at RMGOR@aol.com or **JoAnn Bezodis**, Program Director, at jbezodis@nevehshalom.org and we will add you to our list to receive updates and invitations to future events. The date of our gathering in March was not yet scheduled when this went to print, so please contact us for more information.

Shoreshim

Listen to a megillah—the real Megillah! To (literally) ring in Purim, join Shoreshim families at an expanded and combined Tot Shabbat-Shabbat Kids, at 10:15am, Saturday, March 3. We will meet together in Birnbach Hall, adjacent to the atrium. Be sure to come in costume, bring groggers and work up an appetite for hamentaschen. Participate in the story of Purim and the unscrolling and reading of the Megillah, the Book of Esther.

There will be a special combined Tot Shabbat/Shabbat Kids service on March 3 to celebrate Purim, and then Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Kids services March 17, April 7, and April 21 in their regular locales (always on the first and third Saturdays of the month), followed by a light Kiddush lunch.

Love these relaxed and joyous Kiddush sessions? Consider sponsoring one in honor of a personal or family milestone, life-cycle event, or celebration. You can pledge whatever amount is comfortable, and doing so adds to the warmth of the Shabbat celebration. Sponsor forms are available outside the synagogue main office.

Also consider making a tax-deductible donation to Shoreshim; not only is doing so quite generous on your part, but it allows us to put on more events, with greater offerings.

Last month, Shoreshim families experienced a Tu B'Shevat discovery walk, nosh and schmooze at Tryon Creek State Park. It was a fun and busy outdoor observance organized by **Chantal Rosenthal** and **Joe Maser**, both of whom did a terrific job bringing warmth to an otherwise crisp, chill winter day.

For more information about Shoreshim please contact one of Shoreshim's cochairs, **Kristen Ertischek**, 503.222.7229; kjert@aol.com, or **Dani Nierenberg**, 360.713.8171; DrNierenberg@aol.com.



PASSOVER SECOND NIGHT SEDER

Plan to join **Rabbi Bradley & Sarah Greenstein** for our Second Night Seder on Tuesday, April 3, at 6pm. Fabulous food will be provided by our own Allen Levin. See the flyer in this month's Chronicle for cost and reservation information.

TRI BUTES

Tzedakah is a central mitzvah of Judaism. Use it often and in good health! Tzedakah honors the giver and the recipient. You can make a Tzedakah contribution to honor, remember or thank someone who is important to you. It is also the custom in many communities to give Tzedakah in appreciation of an honor or aliyah during any service. **PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOTH THE DONOR AND THE RECIPIENT, AS WELL AS THE NAME OF THE FUND.** Our dedicated volunteers will thank you! We gratefully acknowledge donations to the following Synagogue Funds:

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WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

Call the synagogue office **503.246.8831** so that we may inform **Rabbi Isaak** and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for **Michelle Caplan, ext 114**. After business hours, on weekends & holidays, contact **Michelle Caplan at 503.481.0164, Rabbi Isaak 503.228.8819** or the funeral home of your choice for assistance. Most Jewish funerals in Portland are arranged by **Holman Funeral Service, 503.232.5131**.

If you wish Tahara for your loved one—respectful preparation for burial according to ancient Jewish tradition—you may request it from Holman's Funeral Home or the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will then notify The Chevra.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE JUDAICA SHOP

Passover is coming! It is not too early to think about Seder plates, matzo plates, salt & horseradish dishes, matzo covers, etc. Are your Passover items in good condition or do they need replacing? Or are you just beginning to collect Passover items? We can help you. We also have Seder plates appropriate for children's tables. Special orders are welcome, but they **MUST** be placed now. So, come in to browse and shop!

Please volunteer to work on Wednesday from 10am to noon. If weekly, let me know which day you are available. Torah cards available for all events.

To volunteer, for special orders or for special appointments, call **Sue Axel** at 503.297.9140 or email at e.axel@comcast.net.

Winter Hours

Monday-Friday 10 am to noon, Wednesday from 6pm to 8:30pm & Sunday 9:00 to 12 noon, when Religious School in Session.

Kindle the Sabbath Candles

ברוך אתה יי

אלהינו מלך העולם,

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Ba-rukha atah A-do-nay, e-lo-hay-nu me-lekh ha-olam a-sheer kid-sha-nu be-mitz-votav ve-tzi-van-nu li-hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by Thy commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the sabbath lights.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 2	5:40 pm
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Monday - Friday 7:15 am

Rosh Chodesh 7am

Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am

SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat, Friday

1st, 4th & 5th Friday of the Month

6:15pm ONLY

2nd and 3rd Friday of the Month

6:15pm and 8:15pm

Shabbat, Saturday, 9 am

Every Saturday: Shabbat Child Care

Please call 503.246.8831 to reserve space.

If you would like to participate in the main sanctuary, please call the CNS office at 503.246.8831, ext 100

Tot Shabbat/Shabbat Kids

1st & 3rd Shabbat, 10:15 am, Zidell Chapel and rooms 113-115

Shabbat Kiddush Club (3rd-5th graders)

1st & 3rd Shabbat, 10:00 am. Room 117

DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

2nd and 4th Shabbat in the Zidell Chapel

3rd Shabbat at the Robison Home

If you would like to lead the davening for Shaharit,

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If you are unable to attend Shabbat services, dial in to hear them. Call 503.246.8832

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