

Neveh Shalom Sisterhood News

November-December 2023



Message from the Presidium

by Dana Sirkin



This past month has been traumatic for our Jewish Community, and the uncertainty continues to be unsettling. We witnessed the brutal Hamas attack on peaceful villages in southern Israel, and now it seems like the world is rallying against Israel's fight to defend itself. The news has been difficult to watch! I feel bad for the Palestinian people who are trapped in Gaza by Hamas putting them in harm's way, rather than providing them with services they need to thrive. I understand the current necessity to do all

that is possible to direct people to safer locations as the IDF work to extract Hamas from the region. I wish for the rise of a Palestinian leader who could be a negotiator for peace- someone who could say that Israel has a right to exist- that would be a good starting point!

Our Sisterhood and our umbrella organization of Women's League for Conservative Judaism has signed on to statements in support of Israel and our International President, Julia Loeb, has traveled to Israel with the Council of Presidents of Jewish organizations in support of Israel.

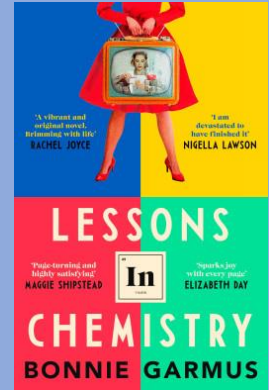
While the war in Israel is on our minds, with care in our hearts, we are also looking forward to a variety of programs in our community, sponsored by our Sisterhood but open to all. First and foremost on our priority list is our Latkes and Vodka fundraiser for Torah Fund. Torah Fund is a special project of Women's League, that raises funding to support 5 Conservative Jewish Seminaries around the world: located in New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Potsdam, Germany. Our annual contributions provide scholarships to students in programs to become Rabbis, Cantors and other Jewish professionals. Each fiscal year, Torah Fund creates a new theme, each with a new pin design. This year's theme is "Responsibility", as in "All of Israel is responsible, one for another", and the pin is gifted to those who contribute over a minimum donation of \$180. There are other ways to support Torah Fund, including sending e-cards, which can be found by going to the [WLCJ web site](#):

Other Sisterhood programs include:

11/30/23- an open board meeting with a brown bag bring-your-own dinner, starting at 5:30, and followed by joining that evening's ORA event (highlighting Jewish artists) ([Click here to register](#)) Please note there is a \$20.00 fee to cover cost of materials)

12/6/23- our on-line Interfaith group meets at 7pm, the first Wednesday of each month. Contact [Michelle Imori Goldenberg](#) for info on how to join this meeting

12/18/23- our on-line book group meets at 7pm. This month's book is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. To be included in this group, please contact [Jennifer Kalenscher](#)



1/19/24- Save the date and participate with us during our Sisterhood Shabbat that Friday evening.



NEVEH SHALOM
PRESENTS

LATKE & VODKA PARTY

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 10
5:30PM

Join us for a festive evening filled with live music, food, drinks, and fun! Groove along to the sounds of The Ellis Street Band while enjoying latkes, a light dairy supper, and vodka, of course! Perfect for a date night or friends' night out. Bring your menorah to partake in a group candle lighting!

\$18 per person.
RSVP: nevehshalom.org/SISLV23
Or contact Rebecca King:
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Other Programs of Interest to Sisterhood (from Lisa Richmond, Neveh Shalom Program Director)

TIKKUN OLAM

Children's winter hats and gloves collection for Project Lemonade

December 1 – Jan 5

Congregation Neveh Shalom is proud to partner with Project Lemonade to collect new gloves and hats, size 5 to adult. The Project Lemonade store in Lloyd Center allows foster youth to shop for free, helping them stay warm in the winter months. Please bring your donations from December 1st-January 5th. We will have a collection bin outside of the Neveh Shalom administration offices upstairs.

Drop outside Admin. Office

Chanukah toilet paper drive for Neighborhood House

Nov 19-Dec 17

It's that time of year again when the Men's Club begins collecting rolls of toilet paper to donate to Neighborhood House. It's a true mitzvah for their clients in need. You can drop off your donation in the lobby/office at CNS or at any of the Chanukah happenings at Neveh Shalom.

Let's build a truly miraculous TP Chanukiah this coming Chanukah!

Drop outside Admin. Office

Help Hesed with Meal Trains! Contact Darryl Kuperstock

UPCOMING

Virtual Lunch and Learn with Cantor Bitton

Conversations on Israel and Jewish Identity: Transforming Jewish Education with Dr. Naya Lekht

Thursday, November 30, 11:45am Zoom

Cantor Eyal Bitton leads a series of discussions on the aftermath of the October 7th pogrom. In this installment, we explore the questions: Do we need to transform Jewish education in light of the events of Oct. 7 and the aftermath? Why? What has changed?

[Click here to register](#)

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ORA Art, Heart, and Soul! Zentangles sip and sketch

Thursday, November 30th at 7pm Room 102 or Vestry (Just after Sisterhood Board Meeting.
See Message from the Presidium)

Come drink wine with friends old and new, play with simple, incremental drawing techniques, hear and tell stories about gifts, while creating an original Chanukah present! Do you ever find forms and faces in clouds, woodgrains, or tea stains? We'll begin with tea stains on 4x4 inch watercolor squares, find images and draw them out, then add Zentangle style embellishments. Everyone will receive an acrylic frame perfect for fridge magnets or coasters. Guided by artist Cassandra Sagan, this workshop is for complete newbies, lifetime artsy types, and everyone in between. [Click here to register](#)

Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop Chanukah Celebration

Oh Chanukah, oh Chanukah!!

We have everything you might need for your holiday celebrations-

Hannukiot, gelt, decorations, candles, cards, gifts for the whole family, including your fur-babies.

Shop hours are:

Sunday 9-12 when Aliyah School is in session

Monday, Wednesday 11-1

Wednesday also 2-4

Friday 10-12

The shop is run by volunteers, so there may be times when the volunteer is not available

If you would like to schedule a time to visit the shop, please contact one of our co-managers by text or phone:

Dana Sirkin: 503-680-5877

Jennifer Kalenscher: 503-893-0822



Sisterhood Web Site

Our Sisterhood has a web site on the Neveh Shalom web site. [Here is the link.](#)

Sisterhood welcomes all who identify as women as well as those who identify as transgender, gender-queer, non-conforming, or non-binary.

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