

THE

NEVEH SHALOM



PROGRAM GUIDE

2023-24



We are Neveh Shalom. Together, we are community.

— SHALOM CHAVERIM! —

Welcome!

For the first time since the pandemic swept across the globe, our morning minyan returned to meeting in person beginning in the month of Elul. At the conclusion of services each day, one of our skilled congregants would sound the shofar. The sound of the shofar ordinarily arouses our hearts and souls, yet this year, there was an added layer of poignant beauty. Each blast was a reminder of the perennial, eternal Jew. We were back in force, led by our minyan regulars.

We are a people dedicated to renewal, as Rosh Hashanah makes clear. Each shofar blast reinforced this crucial understanding. The world outside our Nepom Gates can sometimes seem turbulent and uncertain, yet within our walls, we are each inspired by acts of kindness as we engage in social action; prodded to new insights by a moving class or sermon; or swept up in the warm embrace of community.

This year, as you peruse these pages, I hope you will see beyond the rich and varied offerings. Instead, I invite you to view this booklet as a gateway to renewal and connection.

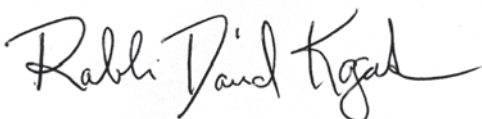
Please consider:

- Taking a class to expand your knowledge or skill set
- Participating in *tikkun olam* activities to broaden your heart
- Attending Shabbat or daily minyan to deepen your soul's connection to prayer
- Strengthening your facial "smile" muscles by revelling with friends old and new at one of our many social events

There is a powerful story in the Talmud in which a person stranded in the desert has lost track of the days of the week. When should such an individual observe Shabbat? This Talmudic discussion highlights the individual's role in creating a day of rest. So too, renewing our own connection to community, learning, and spirituality requires our decisive efforts.

This year, while I still want to wish you a sweet year, please also consider yourself invited to make it so for yourself, your family and friends, your community, and our city. Participate. Renew. Thrive.

Shanah tovah u'metukah,



Rav D

Scan this QR Code to fill out the member interest form online, so that we can be in touch with you about volunteer or program opportunities.



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Find up-to-date information on events, access your member account for a member directory, and connect to volunteer opportunities: nevehshalom.org

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YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

(BIRTH-2ND GRADE)



The **Youth and Family Engagement Committee (YAFE)** of **CNS** will facilitate relationship building, social engagement, informal family learning opportunities and youth groups for CNS families with children birth through 2nd grade to enrich and expand upon the experience of being a part of CNS *kehillah*. For more information or questions, contact: Rabbi Eve Posen, eposen@nevehshalom.org.



Shoreshim

Programming for families with kids ages 0-5 years old.

Shoreshim means "roots." Shoreshim at Neveh Shalom is dedicated to creating meaningful and fun educational, religious, and social events for young families that have children ages 0-5. We invite you to join us! We host vibrant and well attended Tot Shabbats twice a month. Throughout the year, our committee also hosts special Shabbat dinners and havdallah, organizes age-appropriate activities at congregational events, and plans fun outings.



Anafim

Programming for families with kids in K-2nd grade

Anafim means "branches." Anafim at Neveh Shalom is a program dedicated to engaging families with children in Kindergarten through second grade through social, religious, meaningful and fun activities with built in time for parents to connect as well. With Kiddush Club on Shabbat mornings, Havdallah game nights and summer swimming parties, Anafim is a community for families to grow and connect with one another.

Meal Train

Join us in supporting families who have just had a baby by providing a nourishing meal. For more information and to get involved in this mitzvah, contact: Rabbi Eve Posen, eposen@nevehshalom.org.

Fourth Fridays with Rabbi Eve

4th Friday of each month, 5:15pm, Offsite
Families with children 0-2nd grade

Rabbi Eve Posen leads this interactive service that welcomes Shabbat through song and stories.

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Young Families & Youth Shabbat Morning Services

**Tot Shabbat - Families with children 5 and under
1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am, Zidell Chapel**

Experience the joy of Shabbat! A fun and engaging service for families with babies, toddlers, and children up to age 5. Join our skilled early childhood educators and their good friend Shabbos Mouse for Neveh Shalom's liveliest Shabbat service. Enjoy singing, dancing, scarf waving, parachutes, storytelling, and more! Stay for a yummy kiddush lunch and become a part of our welcoming community of young families.

Kiddush Club for K-3rd graders

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10:30am, Room 102

Families with kids 5 and up: Looking to continue the fun and warmth of Tot Shabbat? Do you love to sing, hear a Torah story, maybe even dance on Shabbat morning? If the answer is YES, then join us on the 1st & 3rd Shabbat of each month for Kiddush Club! 1st Shabbat of the month with Sarah Rohr, 3rd Shabbat of the month with Gershon Liberman. Followed by Kiddush lunch and play.

Anafim Shabbat Shmooze: Join us on select Saturdays after lunch for games, connection, and snacks.

PJ Havdallah



Saturdays: January 13 & February 24 - 5:30pm

Join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat in our PJs. For families with children ages 0-6th grade. We'll have dinner, stories, art, and a whole lot of fun. There will be a per person charge. Co-sponsored by PJ Library.

**Join us for the 8th Annual
CNS Family Shabbat Experience
at Camp Solomon Schechter
April 26-28, 2024**

"Family Camp affords us the opportunity to spend time with our YAFE kehillah in a unique and natural setting. Our family loves building memories at Camp; we look forward to camp year-round."-Mia Osherow



Join together with families with children ages 0-5th grade for a fantastic weekend at Camp Solomon Schechter. Together we'll celebrate Shabbat with family friendly services, activities and games. Adults will have time to relax as well. Located on the beautiful grounds of Camp Solomon Schechter in Olympia, WA we'll enjoy the natural surroundings throughout Shabbat.

Pricing includes: cabin, Friday dinner, three meals and two snacks on Saturday and a Sunday brunch.

To help plan our incredible weekend, please be in touch with Rabbi Eve, eposen@nevehshalom.org



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

(3RD-12TH GRADE)

We have a new, vibrant Youth Activities program for social, spiritual, and active connection! A fun, welcoming, safe space for our youth to play and lead in community. Stay tuned for January-June events.

3rd-6th Grade Programming



Explore a whole new year of fun events for 3rd-6th graders in our Youth Activities program. *Come for the games and snacks, stay for the friends.*

August

Bring the fun of summer into the year

October

Forest Walk/Sukkot dinner
Lunch & Play

November

Color War

December

PJ Movie Night

7th-12th Grade Programming



Teens, looking for more social or spiritual connection? Come on your own, or bring a friend!

August

Twilight Gathering

September

Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Teen Experiences

October

Service Project in the Sukkah

November

Havdalah & Games in the Dark

December

Teen Chanukah Party & "Chopped" Challenge



Youth Activities team:

Sarah Rohr, Leora Lubliner, and Yoni Kahn

Reach out to Sarah Rohr, Youth Activities Advisor, for more information or with ideas for new activities:
srohr@nevehshalom.org.

— PRESCHOOL EDUCATION —



Foundation School (Ages 12 months - 5 years)

All are welcome! | Joyful Jewish learning | Strong parent community | Small class size and low student-to-teacher ratio | Experienced and loving teachers | Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach

Now Enrolling, 8am-5pm options (plus 8:30am-4:30pm summer camp)
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Our Values

Foundation School is based on the ideals and traditions of the Jewish faith and is dedicated to providing exceptional early childhood education. While our curriculum is centered on the foundations of Jewish learning, our program is open to all.

We value play as every child's natural way of learning and view each child as a competent and unique learner. Our qualified and experienced staff encourages the growth of the whole child; intellectual, social, emotional, physical and spiritual. We encourage the development of each child's creativity, curiosity and character through respectful and age-appropriate practices alongside an emergent curriculum.

For over 60 years, we have embraced our youngest learners – sparking imaginations, instilling a sense of wonder, and providing the building blocks for the next generation of creative and confident problem-solvers. The children who are part of the Foundation School legacy embrace an “anything is possible” approach to life where they are asked to wonder, encouraged to inquire, and participate in the process of bringing young families together for a lifetime of friendship.

Educational Approach

Foundation School is inspired by the Reggio Emilia educational philosophy. We see our students as infinitely capable, and as such, our teachers collaborate with students to create meaningful and relevant curriculum that inspires the particular group of learners in each classroom community. We believe it is our task to teach our students to be able citizens of our community who have the skills to be independent learners, kind friends, and advocates for themselves as they gain readiness for kindergarten and the world beyond.

Our teachers take time to document each child's process of learning. As we take photos of the children engaged in activity, write down their words, and display them for the community to see, they begin to understand that their learning has power. Teachers structure the environment to help children expand their academic and social potential, encouraging discovery and meaningful learning in developmentally appropriate ways.



YOUTH EDUCATION



(Grades K-12)

www.nevehshalom.org/aliyah-k-6
www.nevehshalom.org/aliyah-7-12

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ALIYAH K-6

The warm community of ALIYAH Jewish learning provides engaging, high-level learning opportunities for every student. Our students experience Jewish holidays and traditions, gain strong Hebrew language skills, and grow from the many opportunities for meaningful leadership within the congregational community. Our teachers are dynamic and nurturing, and our kids enjoy their experience of Jewish education. Our highest goal is for our children to feel at home in Judaism, by gaining literacy about our traditions, and experiences that ignite curiosity and connection.

Judaics & Electives

On Sunday mornings, all K-6 children attend an experiential, social, content-rich Judaics program. Each grade has its own curricular topic of exploration, a specific mitzvah or Jewish value to practice, and various chugim (electives) such as music, art, cooking, book-lovers, and super-hero comic-writing. Parents and grandparents are invited to family programs to share in their child's learning and connect with our community.



Hebrew

Our students learn Hebrew at their own pace with an individual Hebrew tutor, 30 minutes per week, in person or on zoom. Our students participate in setting goals for their own learning, and parents are invited to conferences twice per year to celebrate their child's progress.

Israeli Families

Israeli families are invited to join ALIYAH through a new, special program called Israeli Pathways (אפיק ישראלי), in which Hebrew-speaking children have a culturally specific, social elective taught in Hebrew. Contact us for more information!



Inclusion

ALIYAH is an inclusive community that welcomes students across the spectrum of learning styles and needs. We work closely with families to create individualized learning plans as necessary and celebrate the achievements of each of our students based on their own abilities. We learn throughout our program that every individual has strengths and challenges and the beauty of a community is that we all gain from supporting each other.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Tichon (High School)

7th-12th graders stay engaged in Jewish learning and social life through our ALIYAH Tichon (high school) program on Wednesday evenings. Teens come for dinner together and stay for learning and conversation in classes that they choose and help decide. Recent topics include: Text and Art, A New Look at Jewish History, Social Justice Projects, Rhythms & Rituals of Judaism & Nature, Telling True Stories, and Jewish D&D.

Hebrew for Teens

We are eager to support continued Hebrew learning for our teens! With enough interest, we are happy to offer a Hebrew class for teens during or separate from Tichon; older teens are also welcome to join Machon Ivrit (modern Hebrew program for adults).

Wednesday Dinners

Wednesday evening dinners are a highlight of the week at CNS! Teens enjoy a low-cost family-friendly Kosher dinner buffet with options such as burrito bar, grilled cheese and tomato soup, or veggie stir-fry. Teens and families can opt in for the year or drop in at your convenience.



Teen Madrichim

Up to 30 teens each year participate in a paid internship program, assisting our ALIYAH teachers in working with K-6th graders and gaining leadership skills through a teen leadership seminar. We love our teen Madrichim!



NEW THIS YEAR FOR PARENTS!



Text & Art Parent Program

First Sundays of the month, 9:30-11:30am
beginning November 5

Are you looking for a way to connect with other ALIYAH parents? Would you like an infusion of creative Jewish learning to bring back to your families for each holiday or season?

Join ALIYAH parent and fiber artist Cheryl Joseph for a monthly day of learning and creating during ALIYAH hours.

Childcare for younger children available. This a drop in program—no registration or RSVP required.
\$10/day, covers all materials.

LIFELONG LEARNING



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You can register for these classes at:
www.nevehshalom.org/adult-ed

We welcome all learners to join us for an exciting array of Adult Education programs this year! All programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

One-Shot and Two-Shot Classes

Conservative Judaism Explained
Thursday, Sept 7, 7pm with Mel Berwin

Whether you're a new member or simply seeking greater clarity, you're invited to attend this engaging opportunity to learn about our movement's name, values, and distinguishing features. Free and open to all.

Torah as History / Torah as Story: A two-part series with Scholar Loren Spielman & Storyteller Brian Rohr
Thursdays, November 2 and 9, 7:00-8:30pm

How old are the stories in the Bible? How were they composed and how closely do they reflect what we know about ancient history and archaeology? Are stories less important than history? Prof. Loren R. Spielman, associate professor at Portland State University's Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies, discusses some of the difficulties with treating Torah as history and how Biblical narratives, like all stories, can live complicated lives. Brian Rohr, as a professional

storyteller, picks up this thread by performing a biblical story and discusses how, when freed from literal interpretations, we can use these stories from our ancient texts to glean timeless wisdom and sacred truths. No registration required. Free and open to all.

Judaism In Our Lives

Women's Torah Study

Saturdays, 12:30pm with Mel Berwin

An uplifting hour of study on Shabbat! Delve into biblical and midrashic text, (Hebrew and English text available) with a group of other women to find meaning from our traditions that relate to our lives. All levels of experience welcome. Email mberwin@nevehshalom.org for specific dates and topics.

NEW! Sparks Intergenerational Storytelling

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm beginning October 18

Cost: \$360 CNS members/\$410 non-members

\$300 Young adults (18-25) & Seniors 60+



Have you listened to The Moth podcast or story hour on NPR? These 5-minute true stories about our ordinary lives—the triumphs, failures, loves, losses, courageous acts

and dashed dreams, told with honesty and vulnerability—connect us to the shared experience of being human. Our Sparks storytelling program this year is intergenerational: you will be guided in developing your own true stories with expert support from Brian Rohr and Eddy Shulman and meet monthly with teens who are doing the same. At the end of the year we will present our stories to the community! What's your story?

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Learning - See HHD Special Events Section on page 16

Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Whether you didn't have the opportunity at age 13 or you would like to "update" that experience by celebrating as an adult, we hope you will explore the possibility of an adult bar/bat/brit mitzvah with us! Start by joining the Learn to Leyn class this year, and let us know you are interested in either a personal bar/bat/brit mitzvah celebration or a group b'nai mitzvah!

HEBREW & SYNAGOGUE SKILLS

Q&A Orientation Class



Q&A for Beginning Hebrew & Machon Ivrit

Tue, Oct 10, 7pm with Teachers
Orientation to our Hebrew classes and levels. Meet the

teachers, explore the syllabus, and get help with registration.

Beginning Hebrew

This course, or its equivalent level of mastery, is a prerequisite for all other Hebrew and synagogue skills classes.

Tuesdays, 7-9pm, beginning Oct 17

Ease into Hebrew beginning with Alef-Bet letter recognition, vowels, and decoding skills, and move on to build a basic vocabulary.



Machon Ivrit - Modern Hebrew



Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm, beginning October 17

Year-long classes to learn Modern Hebrew, with engaging teachers and a specially designed curriculum. This once-a-week program brings learners to higher levels of speaking, reading, and understanding.

- Level One: Ready to Read & Speak
- Level Two: Advanced Hebrew
- Level Three: Conversational

Learn more at: nevehshalom.org/machon-ivrit

NEW! Machon Ivrit Graduate Programs

Hebrew Book Group

Tuesdays, twice-a-month, 7-9pm, begins Oct 17

Teacher Maya Varon will pick out short books and readings for discussion with this group, which meets twice per month. In addition, this group will participate in the monthly Cafe V'Ivrit programs.

Cafe V'Ivrit

Tuesdays, once-a-month, 7-9pm, Oct-May

Back by popular demand, this monthly program features guest speakers and media presentations on current Israeli culture, with discussion after in Hebrew. Conversational level Hebrew required.

Synagogue Skills

Beginning Hebrew, or its equivalent level of mastery, is a prerequisite for these classes.

Hebrew for Prayer

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:25pm beginning in January

Increase your understanding of what we say when we pray. Together we will learn the most common Hebrew words, including shoshanim (roots) and grammar that are used throughout our siddur (prayerbook). Each week we will unpack and translate prayers from Shabbat services.

Siddur basics

Wednesdays, 7:35-8:30pm beginning in January

Join us to learn the Shabbat morning service. We'll go through different parts of the service slowly enough so that each class member can learn to recite the words of common prayers and understand basic meanings. We will also explore different tunes to common prayers. No more mumbling through services or getting lost!

Learn to Leyn: Chanting Torah for Beginners & Beyond
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:25pm beginning in January

Learn to engage in the honor of reading Torah! If you can decode Hebrew you can learn to chant Torah. We will learn the names and the tunes of the cantillation symbols, after which each student will practice an individual Torah reading for a future service of your choice.

LEARN WITH OUR RABBIS

Rabbi Eve Posen



Grief Group with Rabbi Eve Posen and Diane Solomon
Oct 15-Dec 17, meets every other Sunday, 11am-12:30pm - Introductory class: September 18th 7-8pm

A place for you to be with, share, and learn about your grief in warm and supportive community. Jewish learning about death, grief, and bereavement, as well as support for the journey, led by Rabbi Posen and Diane Solomon, psychiatric nurse practitioner. For those who have experienced a loss in the last 2 years. Free. Limited to 12 participants.

Have you ever wondered what happens AFTER the Israelites enter the Land of Israel?

Mondays, 12:00-1:00pm beginning Oct 22

Meets every other week on Zoom

Continuing from last year, new participants welcome

Join Rabbi Posen every Monday at 12pm as we delve into the works of the Prophets and continue the narrative. Each week we'll discuss 3-5 chapters of text and discover the rich and interesting continuation of our core story. No Hebrew language required.

Rabbi À La Carte As the rabbinic educator at Neveh Shalom, I am here to learn with you based on your learning needs and interests. Consider me the rabbi with an à la carte menu of learning options. You name the time, place, and subject matter and invite your group to learn with me in any setting.

For more information, or to register for classes on this page, contact: 503.246.8831 or receptionist@nevehshalom.org

Rabbi David Kosak



Conscious Community: A Jewish Guide to Inner Work
Sat, 1st, 3rd & 4th/month, Nov 4-Mar 23, 1:30-3pm
AND Wed, 2-3x/month, Oct 8-Mar 20, 6:30-7:30pm

Congregants are invited to join a cohort with Rav D as we study and practice lessons in mindfulness penned by Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira in the Warsaw Ghetto as the Nazis came to power. Rav D first studied Conscious Community in Israel with Rabbi Mickey Rosen (z'l) of the innovative Yakar Center. The manuscript for Conscious Community was buried to survive the Nazis and was recovered after the war. It has become an extremely influential work of Jewish mindfulness techniques and is studied across the world in all Jewish denominations.

Emeritus Rabbi Daniel Isaak



How Jews Changed the World
Thu, beginning Sep 21, 10-11am,
8 sessions on Zoom, \$35

Inventors and statesmen/women, writers and original thinkers, dreamers, movers and shakers. Famous Jews in addition to the unsung, we will uncover their fantastic contributions well in

excess of our tiny numbers in the world. We will use Norman Liebrecht's "Genius and Anxiety" as our guide. Please acquire the book prior to class.

— THE FELDSTEIN LIBRARY —



The Feldstein Library houses over 10,000 volumes to meet the diverse needs of Portland's Jewish community. We strive to provide a wide range of materials to enrich patrons' knowledge and experience of Judaism. Our librarian is committed to excellence and service that brings about a positive experience for every library user.

Programming begins with our youngest patrons who join for scheduled Foundation School story times to discover the joy of reading and continues with explorations of literature for community members of all ages.

Connect with the Feldstein Library

Use of the library is free for synagogue members and those enrolled in classes at Neveh Shalom. Non-members who would like to use the library can contact our librarian. Find current library hours, our catalog, and a growing selection of book lists at nevehshalom.org/feldstein-library.

Explore our collection

Collection highlights include fiction, picture books, philosophy, genealogy, Holocaust, graphic novels, music, Hebrew language novels, and the Bible. Our collection is always growing, so if you're looking for a specific book, don't hesitate to contact Leora.

Upcoming Events

Party in the Library! - November 2023

Join us for a celebration of the Feldstein library's amazing collection and our amazing volunteers!

Build-Your-Own-Haggadah workshop & wine tasting March/Early April 2024

Explore the library's extensive collection of unique haggadot & use them to help create your own in time for Pesach.



Donations to the Library

Do you need a unique way to commemorate a life cycle event? Making a financial or book donation to the Feldstein Library in honor or in memory of a loved one helps our collection grow. This is a meaningful way to commemorate the birthday, B'nai Mitzvah, or Yahrzeit of a book lover in your life. If you do donate a book from one of our Amazon wish lists, you can choose from one of three custom designed bookplates to be placed in the book. *You choose your gift and make a wish come true!*

Follow any of these links to visit our wish lists:

- General books: a.co/awJsQ5O
- Picture books: a.co/h1nNOu6
- This year's annual theme of Lev Shalem: a.co/bBx9sJV
- Middle grade books: a.co/iVZ9HLI
- Graphic novels: a.co/70pX3bT

Contact Our Librarian

For more information, please contact our librarian, Leora Troper, at: ltroper@nevehshalom.org; 503.293.7311 ext. 118.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES



We offer many different prayer experiences each month... Come and find your place! There is something for everyone.

Daily Minyan

Daily Minyan: Sunday-Friday

Dedicated congregants ensure this service is available to the community. Weekday services, 7:15am. Rosh Chodesh and intermediate days of festivals, 7:00am. Sundays, major Jewish and secular American holidays, 9:00am.

Friday and Saturday Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat, every Friday, 6:15pm

Join our clergy for a traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service weaving together ancient and modern melodies as we celebrate Shabbat.

Kol Shabbat, 2nd Fridays, 7:15pm

Join Naomi Leavitt and Eva Novick to welcome Shabbat with a lay-led, voices-only Erev Shabbat Service. All ages and stages welcome.

SHIR! Shabbat: A Musical Experience, Select Fri, 6:15pm

Immerse yourself in the musical *ruach*/spirit of Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat and make it an uplifting and musically-enhanced experience - with Cantor Eyal Bitton, the Koleinu Choir, and band.

Table & Tefillah, Nov 3, Jan 5, Mar 8, May 3, 5:15pm

We recognize life is busy. Gather for a community Shabbat dinner prior to services. These four Shabbatot will simplify Shabbat preparation and allow us the opportunity to come together for a meal.

Shabbat Morning Service, every Saturday, 9:30am

Traditional weekly Shabbat morning service. All are welcome to our services. We are a welcoming *kehillah* that strives to create an inclusive space for prayer. Fidgets and puzzles are available for those who might benefit from them.

Meditation Shabbat Morning service

1st Saturdays of the month, During Service

A special time of meditation will replace the traditional d'var Torah during this once-a-month special service.

Downstairs Minyan

2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays, 9:30am

A lay-led Shabbat service followed by a Kiddush lunch and singing of *z'mirot* (Shabbat songs). Interested in leading a part of the service or reading Torah? Contact: downstairsminyan@gmail.com.

Young Family & Youth Shabbat Services

Fourth Fridays w/ Rabbi Eve - Families w/ children 0-10

Fourth Friday of each month, 5:30pm

Rabbi Eve Posen leads this interactive home service that welcomes Shabbat through song and stories. RSVP: eposen@nevehshalom.org.

Tot Shabbat - Families with children 5 and under

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am

Experience the joy of Shabbat! A fun and engaging service for families with kids 5 and under led by early childhood educators. Join Shabbes Mouse and friends for our liveliest Shabbat service. Enjoy singing, dancing, storytelling, and more! Followed by Kiddush lunch with the congregation.

Kiddush Club, K-3rd graders

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am

Continue the fun and warmth of Tot Shabbat with Kiddush Club. We sing, dance, hear a Torah story and more! 1st Shabbat of the month with Morah Sarah Rohr; 3rd Shabbat with Gershon Liberman. Followed by Kiddush lunch with the congregation.

If you are unable to attend Shabbat Services in-person, you can stream them live at: nevehshalom.org/live-streaming

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



Bris/Baby Naming

Jewish tradition has beautiful ways to commemorate life cycle events, starting from the very beginning of life. Our clergy and staff are here to help with the details to create a beautiful ceremony for you and your (newly expanded) family.

Brit Milah/Bris: A brit milah, often called a bris, is the traditional 8th-day circumcision for boys. The bris can be held at a home or in the synagogue. The professional who performs the circumcision is called a *mohel*, and Oregon Jewish Life has a list of some of the *mohels* in Portland.

Simchat Bat/Baby Naming: Usually called a *simchat bat* ("rejoicing in the daughter"), a baby naming for a girl can take on the form and timing that's best for the family. Talk with our clergy and staff to determine the details.

Bar/Bat/Brit Mitzvah

The bar/bat/brit mitzvah year is an amazing milestone for our youth and their families. We offer planning support and prepare students to lead prayers with confidence and comprehension.

Our year-long b'nai mitzvah tutoring program provides each child with the chance to work one-on-one with a professional tutor. Our clergy work with students and families throughout the year to create a ceremony that is personally and communally meaningful. Please contact our B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator, Leora Lubliner, 503.246.8831, llubliner@nevehshalom.org.

Conversion

Congregation Neveh Shalom has long been at the forefront of fashioning an inclusive, engaged, and educated community. We welcome many individuals and families into our diverse congregational *kehillah*/community.

Our enhanced conversion curriculum, combined with Portland's Introduction to Judaism course, aims to provide the tools to live a joyous Jewish life. Contact our clergy team for more information. We are excited to help our conversion students on their path to becoming Jewish!

Weddings

The Jewish wedding is a supremely joyous occasion. The rituals we will share together during the ceremony are part of over 2,000 years of Jewish tradition.

If you'll soon be celebrating an upcoming wedding with friends or family members, or you're interested in learning more about how Neveh Shalom can help you prepare for your own wedding, please contact Whitney Thaxton, Operations Coordinator: wthaxton@nevehshalom.org

Funerals

Your CNS clergy and community are here to comfort you in life's most difficult moments. From walking with you as your loved one reaches the end of their life by supporting you through a year of mourning, we're here to help you grieve and move forward.

For burial, plot and cemetery information please contact Marg Everett: meverett@nevehshalom.org. When a death occurs, please call the synagogue office at 503-246-8831 so that we may inform the rabbis and assist you directly. After business hours, on weekends or holidays, contact Michelle Caplan: 503-481-0164.

If you're requesting *tahara* for your loved one (respectful preparation for burial according to ancient Jewish tradition) you may request it from either Holman's Funeral Home at 503-232-5131; Riverview Funeral Service at 503-246-6488; or the funeral home of your choice. The funeral home will then notify the *chevra kadisha* (individuals who help with the burial process).

HHD SPECIAL EVENTS

Heart & Soul: A Rock and Traditional Selichot Experience
Saturday, September 9, 8:00pm: Wine & Cheese | 8:30pm: Service | Free



Join us for a musical Selichot celebration. Combine the traditional with the contemporary as Rabbi Kosak and Cantor Bitton integrate traditional High Holy Day melodies with pop and rock music. Begin your High Holy Day preparation with music and meaning.

NEW THIS YEAR! Teen Rosh Hashanah Experience
Saturday, September 16, 12:00-1:00pm, Zidell Chapel



Together, Neveh teens (7th-12th grades) will mark the Jewish New Year with an upbeat and meaningful gathering on RH including games, meditation, and a creative process to take hold of the gift our ancestors offered: the

challenge to cultivate peace in our lives and our community. Led by Sarah Rohr, Leora Lubliner and Yoni Kahn.

NEW THIS YEAR! Teachings From the Heart w/ CNS Clergy
Saturday, September 16, 7:15pm



As a seal upon your heart. There is an ancient teaching that the way you begin your year is a sign for how it will proceed. Let's begin our year with wholehearted community. Join your CNS clergy as we mark the flow of Rosh Hashanah

from one day to the next. Together we'll share a nosh, *l'chaim*, and share a piece of Torah that is at the heart of our High Holy Day practice. *Ma'ariv and Havdallah to follow.*

Shanah: A Whole Family 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Exploration
Sunday, September 17, 10:00am-12:30pm (Shofar and short service at 10am) | FREE



For families with kids ages 0-12. Join us on the second day of Rosh Hashanah as we celebrate the Birthday of the World! Hear the shofar, make and taste freshly pressed apple cider, experience Tashlich (symbolic reflection on our missteps over the past year),

family-friendly hiking, and more fun! Bring your own container for cider if you'd like to take some home! Questions? Contact eposen@nevehshalom.org.

Special 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Learning Experiences
Tuesday, September 27, 9:00am-12:00pm | Free

Rosh Hashanah is an opportunity to learn and reflect as well as pray. Drop in to a 2nd Day RH learning session to deepen your connection to the holidays.



Kever Avot Graveside Visit
Sunday, September 24

Neveh Zedek: 9:30am | Ahavai Shalom: 10:30am

The Jewish embrace of life is intertwined with respect for those who came before. In between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, there is a beautiful custom for families to gather at our cemeteries to recite special readings and hear the memorial prayers graveside. Depending on weather, we will gather outdoors or in the chapels.



NEW THIS YEAR! Kol Nidre for Teens

Sunday, September 24, 6:30pm

Teens (7th-12th grades) are invited to a creative Kol Nidre experience with Sarah Rohr, Leora Lubliner and Yoni Kahn. Using traditional and contemporary ideas, we'll create a ritual to let go of what's not working in our lives and relish what is.



Two Special Yom Kippur Storytelling Experiences
Monday, September 25

Jewish storyteller Brian Rohr will share two different stories during Yom Kippur. Suitable for teens and adults. **10:00am:** Entering the Holy of Holies: Storytelling and the High Priest; **4:30pm:** The Blessing in Our Grief: Martyrology and Relating to the Divine.



High Holy Days Food Drive: Operation Isaiah
September 16-September 25

CNS is proud to once again hold our HHD Food Drive to support Neighborhood House. This annual collection is in keeping with Isaiah's Yom Kippur directive against empty piety: don't merely fast, but feed the hungry, and clothe the naked!



CANTORIAL PROGRAMMING

Words & Music for the Heart & Soul

"The cantor's role is to lead a community in prayer. This is accomplished through music, through community-building, through spiritual reflection and introspection, and through examining the sacred texts we read in services." - Cantor Eyal Bitton

Below is a sampling of some of the programs planned for the 2023-24 season.

Concerts

SOUL: Songs Of Unity & Liberation Spring 2023



In this pre-Passover evening of chamber and choral music, Cantor Eyal Bitton, the Koleinu Choir and a string quartet present beautiful renditions of songs addressing the themes of unity and liberation.

Jewish American Classics: Songs by Great Jewish American Songwriters Late spring 2023



Cantor Eyal Bitton presents his main concert of the year, a concert featuring great songs by great Jewish American songwriters - like Irving Berlin, Ira Gershwin, Burt Bacharach, Diane Warren, Paul Simon, and others! With special guests and a concert band.

Shabbat Services

SHIR! Shabbat - A Musical Experience Select Fridays, 6:15pm



Immerse yourself in the musical *ruach*/spirit of Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat and make it an uplifting and musically-enhanced experience - with Cantor Eyal Bitton, the Koleinu Choir, and band.

Lecture Series

Once Upon a Crown: The Shared Narratives of King David, Cinderella, and King Arthur - Fall 2023

Get ready to be swept away by tales of courage, love, and royalty. This talk brings together the iconic stories of King David, Cinderella, and King Arthur like you've never seen before. Join us to uncover the secrets of their unexpected rise to fame, and dive into the thrilling twists that make these timeless legends so captivating.



The Genius of Paul Simon - Winter 2023

Join us as we explore the timeless creations of the renowned songwriter behind Simon & Garfunkel. Dive into the melodies that have left an indelible mark on the world of music, celebrating the brilliant artistry of Paul Simon's greatest compositions.



The Neveh Shalom Choir is Returning!

Led by Cantor Eyal Bitton, we will sing in select Friday evening services and on special occasions. If you are moved spiritually by the power of music, or if you just want to sing with a small havurah, please get in touch with Cantor Eyal Bitton, ebitton@nevehshalom.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

CNS Young Adults Happy Hour in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 1, 5:00pm



Connect with CNS clergy and other CNS Young Adults (20s & 30s) as we welcome Sukkot with appetizers and drinks.

NEW! Intergenerational Women's Event in the Sukkah

Monday, October 2, 5:30pm



Women of all ages are invited to gather with Rabbi Eve Posen and others to learn in this friendly and empowering setting. Please contact Jennifer Kalenscher, jenkal@comcast.net for more information.

Men's Club and Sisterhood Evening in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 3, 6:00pm



Please join us for a dairy potluck and celebrate Sukkot. Come shake the lulav, eat and be merry.

Wise Women/Wondering Jews Brown Bag Lunch in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 5, 12:00pm



Pack a lunch and join the Wise Women and Wondering Jews for this casual social lunch. Open to all ages and stages—this is a great chance to foster friendship.

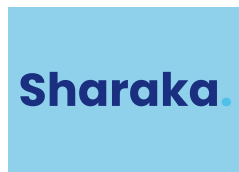
Brunch & Speaker Series, sponsored by Men's Club Sunday mornings in Birnbach Hall on 10/15, 11/19, 1/21/24, 2/11, 3/10, 5/5



Continuing a years-long tradition of learning, we hope you can attend one or more of our brunches. This year, they'll be timed so that ALIYAH parents can join.

Sharaka Delegation Event

Monday, November 27, 7:00pm



Five delegates from Sharaka ("Partnership" in Arabic), will share real experiences coming out of the Abraham Accords and represent various middle Eastern countries working together.

New Member Welcome

Winter 2023-24 & Spring 2024

Our newest members are invited to a special brunch with the clergy and Board. Share food, meet your new community, and enjoy activities to help us learn more about each other.



NEW! Art, Heart, and Soul: Art & Wine Workshops Winter, Spring, Summer 2024

Play with art in this series of casual, fun, and multi-media art workshops, each lead by a professional artist from the ORA Northwest Artists group. Whether you've never picked up a paintbrush or are a veteran artist, bring your friends and enjoy creating something special.



Scholar in Residence: Daniel Zajfman

December 1-3, 2023

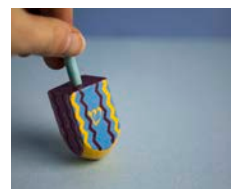
World-renowned physicist and former president of Weizmann Institute of Science, Daniel Zajfman, will join us with a special focus on science and artificial intelligence.



CNS Young Adults Latke Ball

December 2023

Yalla CNS Young Adults is a gateway for young adults in their 20s and 30s to engage, explore, and celebrate in a socially Jewish context. We open our doors to the young adults of PDX's Jewish community this Chanukah season. Drinks and music will greet our congregants and community members.



CNS Sisterhood Latkes and Vodka

Sunday, December 10, 5:30-9:30pm

Please join us for a celebration of Chanukah with the Sisterhood.



"Let it Glow" Chanukah Festival

Saturday, December 9

Celebrate the festival of lights with games, music, dinner, and fun for all. Remember to bring your own chanukiah to light with the community.



SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW! Israeli-American Shabbat Dinner **Friday, February 2**



Israelis and Americans are invited to a warm, family-style Shabbat dinner for connection and conversation!

Purim Celebration **Monday, March 2024**



Let's celebrate together as a community the holiday of Purim at this moment in time as we mark Vash-ti's boldness, Esther's bravery, Mordechai's defiance, Achash-verosh's leadership, and Haman's failure.

Men's Club Annual Poker Tournament **Spring 2024**



Neveh Shalom Men's Club presents our annual charity Texas Hold 'Em tournament with the profits going to youth education scholarships. Snack, beer, and other beverages are provided.

Contact: bruce@thesternfamily.net.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament **Sunday, April 7, 2024**



Please join us for a fun-filled day of Mah Jongg and friendship. Experienced and new players welcome. Enjoy brunch and several hours of play time. Lots of prizes and fun to be had

by all! Contact: Jackie Lesch at leschlive@comcast.net.

Mimouna Celebration **Thursday, May 2, 2024**



People of all ages and walks of life are encouraged to join us for our festive Mimouna - a unique and joyous celebration of the conclusion of Pesach with festive crafts, Moroccan desserts, music,

dance, and henna. As it is said customarily at the Mimouna, "Terbah!", as is said in Moroccan Arabic - or "Tirbaḥu vetis'adu" - we wish you success and luck!

Shavuot Happenings **June 2024**

Stay tuned for exciting program information, including our Tikkun Leil Shavuot, young family programming, a food demo, community-wide dinner, services, and more.



CNS Annual Meeting **June 20, 2024**

Please join the whole CNS community at our annual meeting.



Israel360 Happenings



Healing Perspectives: University Student Leaders' Post-Trip Views on Israel

Monday, October 16, 7:00pm

Hear a panel of PSU student leaders talk about their Israeli experience on their 10-day fact-finding mission. Explore how they will utilize their new perspectives to impact the campus climate. *Co-sponsored by PDX Hillel.*

Is It as Bad as It Seems? An Objective Look at Israel's Current State of Affairs

Monday, November 6, 7:00pm

Presenter Herb Keinon is a senior contributing editor and analyst at *The Jerusalem Post*, writing extensively on diplomacy, politics and Israeli society. *Co-sponsored by JFGP's Jewish Community Relations Council*

The Shema Series: Where Do I Fit in Regard To My Support of Israel? An Ongoing Series

These sessions will be sparked by an article/video by a thought leader and have a more interactive format, which will give participants a chance to share their personal connections, thoughts, & worries about Israel.

More at: nevehshalom.org/israel360

TIKKUN OLAM: REPAIRING THE WORLD



Helping the Neveh Shalom Kehillah

Avraham's Closet

Avraham's Closet, a program of the CNS Hesed Committee, is a medical equipment lending library that provides free equipment for those with medical needs to borrow. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, we have lots of walkers, crutches, canes, commodes, shower chairs, and more to loan. If you have items to donate, particularly wheelchairs, you can drop them off at the synagogue or arrange for pick-up. Please use the contact information below for more information about how to donate or borrow items. **Cantor Linda Shivers** cantor.shivers@gmail.com; 515-954-5221

Birthday Calls to Members

Help members feel special on their birthdays by making a phone call and wishing them well. The recipients love hearing from us and being acknowledged. It is a true mitzvah! **Jason Nelson**, nelsjaso@yahoo.com

Chevra Kavod haMet / Shroud Crowd

Chevra Kavod haMet (Society for Honoring the Deceased) provides traditional end-of-life ritual services for the non-Orthodox Jewish community of the Portland metropolitan area. We lovingly and carefully perform *tahara* (purifying and dressing the deceased) and *shmira*

(reciting psalms and being with the deceased from the time of *tahara* until the funeral). Our membership is composed of volunteers from many congregations. **Shroud Crowd** is dedicated to creating the traditional shrouds, *tachrichim*, used by Chevra Kavod haMet. (There is plenty of work for those who sew and those who do not.)
Website: www.chevrakavodhamet.org
Email: chevrakavodhamet@gmail.com

Hesed Committee

Help your fellow congregants at their time of greatest need by providing a meal, a ride, or just friendship. The Hesed Committee invites you to be an active part of our *kehillah* by being available to help out other CNS members when a life event impedes their daily activities. Congregants experiencing a medical situation or other family emergency can be supported and comforted through delivery of meals, assistance in grocery shopping or other errands, or transportation to a medical appointment or to Shabbat Services. Needing a hand? Lending a hand? That's what *Hesed* is all about! **Barb Schwartz**, barbschw@gmail.com
Sheri Cordova, nonasheri43@gmail.com

Memorial Day/ Veteran's Day Flags

Join us in paying tribute to Jewish Veterans as we plant flags at the graves of heroes who served our nation with honor and dedication at Ahavai Shalom and Neveh Zedek cemeteries, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten. Let us come together to commemorate their service and uphold the tradition of remembrance in our Jewish community. **Contact:** **Marg Everett** meverett@nevehshalom.org

Shabbat Greeters

At CNS services, we work to have greeters who distribute handouts, books, and prayer items, as well as answering questions and guiding guests. They also promote safety and communication with our clergy, staff, and security officers, allowing our congregants and guests to feel welcomed and supported during their time in shul. **Contact:** **Amanda Middleton**, cnsgreeting@gmail.com

TIKKUN OLAM: REPAIRING THE WORLD

Helping the Larger Community: CNS Programs and Partners

Cascadia Clusters Tiny Home Project

Cascadia Clusters is a non-profit organization that hires and trains Portlanders living in a houseless village or sober living community. Our trainees gain valuable life and construction skills geared towards helping them transition themselves into a more permanent living situation. Volunteers work to build tiny homes on wheels and infrastructure buildings for use in very low-income housing situations. **Website:** cascadiacusters.org; **Contact:** andrew.olshin@comcast.net

Charity Drives for Food, Clothing, Household Goods

The need in our greater Portland community for basic items is enormous and constant. We at Neveh Shalom respond by doing what we can to help make a difference. Throughout the year, we ask congregants to help with numerous charity drives. If you would like to start your own charity drive, we are here to help facilitate! **Contact:** Irichmond@nevehshalom.org

Community Warehouse

Community Warehouse provides furniture and household items to people in need. We are always looking for donations of essential furniture, linens, and household goods! **Website:** www.communitywarehouse.org; **Contact:** [Roz Babener, roz755@aol.com](mailto:roz755@aol.com)

Cooking for Outside In

One Sunday a month, CNS members gather in the Neveh Shalom kitchen from 12-2pm to prepare a full meal for homeless youth at Outside In, whose mission is to help homeless youth move toward improved health and self-sufficiency. **Website:** www.outsidein.org; **Contact:** [Rick Botney, 8888octopus8888@gmail.com](mailto:RickBotney@gmail.com)

Soup to the Streets

During the winter months, when the need for food and shelter amongst the homeless community is the greatest, congregants come together to prepare a hot meal, and go to the streets directly to feed those that need it the most. **Contact:** [Vicki Rotstein, vicki32rotstein@gmail.com](mailto:vicki32rotstein@gmail.com)



Men's Club Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity believes that every person should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. They build and repair houses using volunteers and donations. Volunteers from CNS work three to four times a year and frequently collaborate with members of Bilal Mosque. **Contact:** [Steve Sirkin 503.454.0610](tel:503.454.0610), stevejew18@comcast.net; [Dick Cohon 503.644.3862](tel:503.644.3862), dcohon@frontier.com

Sisterhood's Hygiene Kit & Clothing Collection Drive

Transitions Project is an organization that supports and provides a variety of services to adults transitioning from homelessness to housing. We have been collecting and donating items for them, including hygiene items, clothing, and linens. There is a collection bin in the admin hallway as well as a sack outside that is labeled for TP. All items should be new and unopened. **Contact:** www.tprojects.org [Dana Sirkin otrbanana@comcast.net](mailto:DanaSirkinotrbanana@comcast.net)

Ukrainian Welcome Circle—ShalomPortland

A group of CNS members are working along with HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland to welcome a Ukrainian refugee family to Portland. We are coordinating housing, furnishings, food, etc. **Contact:** [Lisa Richmond, Irichmond@nevehshalom.org](mailto:Irichmond@nevehshalom.org); **Chair:** [Sara Safdie](#), **Co-Chair:** [Rebecca Smetana](#)

Not seeing a cause you think CNS should support? Contact Lisa Richmond, CNS Program Director: Irichmond@nevehshalom.org.

CULTURAL & INTEREST GROUPS

CNS Keshet



We welcome our LGBTQ community! Join our Facebook group (find us at CNSKeshet) or watch the CNS eblast for updated information about Pride dinners, Pride parade participation, and other educational or social events for throughout the year! Want to get involved? **Contact: Lisa Richmond, lrichmond@nevehshalom.org**

CNS Men's Club



Welcome! Come relax and have an easy good time laughing with a diverse group of Jewish guys of all ages and opinions. There's food and drinks. Join us for mitzvah opportunities, community activities, and social events! Also, interesting speakers on a wide array of subjects. We encourage you to get involved and put your own energy and creativity into the fun – help contribute to the Club and make some new friends along the way. Got an idea for an event or community or social action program – let us know! We want this to be your Club too. All are welcome to attend our programming, and we periodically co-sponsor events with Sisterhood and other organizations. Annual dues are \$36 and new CNS members receive a one-year complimentary membership. **Contact: Zachary Horowitz, zacharyhorowitz@hotmail.com**

CNS Sisterhood



Sisterhood is an integral part of CNS life. We are an auxiliary organization within CNS that supports women's programming and leadership skills, while also engaging in Tik-kun Olam and activities that create/ build friendships. You are an important part of who we are. Talk to us about your interests and skills and we can work together to make our group stronger and more interesting. Along with supporting CNS and raising scholarship funds for the Aliyah students, we are associated with Women's League for Conservative Judaism and support their Torah Fund campaign that raises scholarship funds for future Jewish educators and leaders from 5 International Conservative Seminaries.

Membership dues are \$36; new synagogue members receive a complimentary membership. All Sisterhood members receive discounts from the Judaica Shop.

Contact: Jennifer Kalenscher, jenkal@comcast.net



CULTURAL & INTEREST GROUPS

Intergenerational Activities



Intergenerational relationships are one of the many blessings of participating in a congregation! CNS seniors (by any definition) are invited to join an intergenerational program from one day to one year long with our ALIYAH youth. **Contact: Mel Berwin, mberwin@nevehshalom.org**

Israel360



Israel360 is a series of regularly occurring programs that considers many aspects of Israel—modern and ancient—from diverse viewpoints and approaches. Some sessions have a cultural, political or military focus, while other events will examine Israeli history, sociology or the peace process for events throughout the year. **nevehshalom.org/israel360; Contact: Lisa Richmond, lrichmond@nevehshalom.org.**

CNS Young Adults



DON'T BE LEFT OUT... Let's Hang Out! CNS Young Adults... a gateway for young adults in their 20s and 30s to engage, explore, and celebrate in a socially Jewish context. There is something here for everyone! Connect and socialize. We are planning social events, intimate parties, Shabbat dinners, and opportunities to do good together. Come give it a try! **Contact: eferede@nevehshalom.org**

ORA - Northwest Jewish Artists



ORA is a group of Jewish artists in the Portland area who have come together to support, share, inspire and showcase our art. In the process of forming this collective, we have created opportunities to exhibit members' art and support each other's artistic development. We welcome new members. Art purchases benefit the synagogue as well as the artist! Shows rotate every few months. Discover a new artist every time you come to shul! **Contact: oraartists@gmail.com; northwestjewishartists.org**

CULTURAL & INTEREST GROUPS

Wise Women



Wise Women is a friendly group that provides an opportunity for women to come together, socialize, and empower one another in a casual environment. Meetings are monthly, please check our e-blast for upcoming gatherings; open to all ages and stages, this is a great chance to foster friendship within our kehillah.

Contact: Lisa Richmond, Irishmond@nevehshalom.org; Jennifer Kalenscher, jenkal@comcast.net

Wondering Jews (60+)



Join the tribe to laugh, learn, share, and schmooze. "Wondering Jews," Neveh Shalom's lively senior and empty-nester group invites your active participation. Our free/cost-only programming is designed to meet the needs of our community from engaging speakers to day trips to social events. Please keep an eye on our weekly e-blasts for information about upcoming events and email for more information or if you need assistance with cost/transportation. **Contact:** Lisa Richmond, Irishmond@nevehshalom.org.

The Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop



Your place to find unique items for holidays, B'nai Mitzvah, or weddings. We carry tallitot, kiddush cups, challah boards and covers, candlesticks and candles, children's items, jewelry, mezuzah cases, kosher klaffs, and more.

The shop is managed and staffed by volunteer members of Neveh Shalom Sisterhood, and we always need more help. Volunteers get an additional discount. Please join us!

Hours:

Monday - Friday 11:00am - 1:00pm
Wednesday 4:15-6:00pm (when school is in session)
Sundays 9:00am-12:00pm (when school is in session)
*During the summer, hours are M-W 11-1, and F 10-12.
Please call the office to confirm hours.*

Visit our online store at:
nevehshalom.org/giftshop

Contacts:

Jennifer Kalenscher
503-893-0822, jenkal@comcast.net;
Dana Sirkin
otrbanana@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP



Find Your Place

We invite you to find your place with us!

Nourish your soul and rejuvenate your spirit! Find meaning, make long-lasting connections with like-minded people, do a mitzvah, get involved. Becoming a member of the Neveh Shalom kehilla allows for all of this and much more.

Becoming a member of Congregation Neveh Shalom is a gift to ourselves and our family that connects us with our Judaism past and present. Given the diversity of our members and their varied interests, we offer an extensive array of religious services, educational opportunities, and programs. Our goal is to ensure that you find the experience that you are looking for. Our doors are always open!

If you are interested in membership, please visit our membership page at nevehshalom.org/membership.

No one will be turned away for financial reasons. We want you and your family to be able to participate in this wonderful community!

Michelle Caplan, Assistant Executive Director
503.293.7313, mcaplan@nevehshalom.org

“אל תפרוש מן הציבור” Do Not Separate Yourself From The Community
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— VISION, MISSION, AND — VALUES



Our Vision

A more humane world cultivated through Jewish living, learning, and celebration

Our Mission

To foster and preserve an inclusive, authentic, and engaging experience of Conservative Judaism in the Pacific Northwest.

Through meaningful lifecycle events, spiritual, educational, and social experiences, we become our best selves, strengthen connections to each other, and forge positive change in the world

Our Defining Values

Community – *Kehillah*

Acting with courage, honesty, and integrity, we share meaningful moments where new relationships are forged, and old ones live on that shape our lives with connections to each other

Innovation – *Chidush*

Bringing the best of our creative Jewish wisdom, we encourage and develop new and innovative solutions to close the gap in our vision between what is and what can be

Jewish Life – *L'Dor V'Dor*

Embracing tradition and change, we engage in Jewish ritual, celebration and prayer, becoming an enduring family within our synagogue, keeping a vibrant relationship with Israel and the greater Jewish world, now and for generations to come

Inclusivity – *K'lal*

With acknowledgment of the divine spark in each of us, we create a culture of belonging where people of all diverse backgrounds and identities—such as religious observance, race, ethnicity, ability, gender, or sexuality—are all embraced

Transformative Learning – *Talmud Torah*

We strive to deepen our understanding of Judaism on the lifelong path to becoming our best selves and creating a more humane world



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