

# Neveh Shalom Sisterhood News March-April 2024



## Message from the Presidium

by Dana Sirkin and Jennifer Kalenscher

Now that we are starting Daylight Savings Time, can spring be far behind?!



March has certainly come in like a lion, especially since February was so mild. There is a lot going on at Neveh Shalom, and Sisterhood is planning new programs.

Neveh Shalom Sisterhood is hosting the NxNW Region Spring Conference May 19 and 20, with an added benefit of starting the weekend with our Sisterhood Shabbat on May 17. We would like to invite our Sisterhood members to attend this event to meet the leadership from around our Region as well as a leadership consultant from WLCJ. Details of the Spring Conference will be coming out soon along with the Registration information. You should also be receiving the Region Isha message which gives the Region President update as well as programs that are available from WLCJ. Your membership to our Sisterhood gives you access to all WLCJ programs. If you have any questions about WLCJ or the NxNW Region please contact Dana or Jennifer for information.

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Coming Soon:

Thursday, 3/21 – 3 pm to 6 pm:  
Foundation School Purim party

Thursday, 3/21 – 6:00 pm – Room  
102 - potluck

Thursday, 3/21 - 7 pm - 8 pm Room  
102- in person board meeting

# Special Programs

Thursday, 3/21 – 3 pm to 6 pm: Foundation School Purim party-

Sisterhood will volunteer to support this. Let Jennifer Kalenscher know if you want to help- (503) 893-0822

Thursday, 3/21 – 6:00 pm – Room 102 - potluck

Bring a dairy/parve dish to share. New to Neveh, new to Sisterhood? Come and meet us in person. Enjoy dinner and conversation and you can stay for our board meeting scheduled afterward.

Thursday, 3/21 - 7 pm - 8 pm Room 102- in person board meeting

Sat 3/23 – 7:45 pm and 3/24 – 9:00 am - Purim Megillah reading & festivities.

Sunday, 4/7 - **(RSVP by 3/26)** - Mah Jongg tournament/ Fund-raiser that supports the Aliyah School. Volunteers as well as participants are encouraged to register for

The Marianne Wollstein Mah Jongg Madness Brunch and Tournament

**11:00am–12:00pm** Brunch and explanation of rules

- **12:00pm–4:00pm** Tournament and prizes

Please join us for a fun-filled day of Mah Jongg and friendship. Experienced and new players are welcome. (No teaching). \$36 ~ Register by Tuesday, March 26. We do not provide refunds. Please register early as space is limited.

[Click here to register.](#)

Thursday, April 11, 2024 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Joint program with “Art, Heart, and Soul”



*Potluck last September*

The Butterfly Effect Art Space - 7829 SW Capitol Hwy

Don't miss the fun - join the CNS Art, Heart, and Soul series as we take a field trip to The Butterfly Effect Art Space in Multnomah Village for an unforgettable evening of creativity and camaraderie. Paint your own unique ceramic piece, whether it's a cherished item of Judaica like a seder plate or mezuzah, or explore non-Judaica options. Enjoy wine, snacks, and music as we come together to unleash our artistic spirits in a social and fun atmosphere.

\$10/studio fee payable now; additional in-person cost will apply for the unpainted piece you select.

Friday, 5/17/ 24 – 6:15 PM - our new date for Sisterhood Shabbat, after bad weather canceled our last date!

End of year picnic - June. Non-Father's Day Sunday.

Stay tuned. We will have an end of year picnic potluck to celebrate another great year. We would love to include you. Stay turned for details as we firm them up.

## Ongoing Programs

**Sisterhood Board Meetings** are open to all.

Next meetings are Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> in person (See above for special program prior to meeting) and on Zoom and Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

[Link to Board Meetings](#)

### **Interfaith/BIPOC Discussions**

First Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm on Zoom

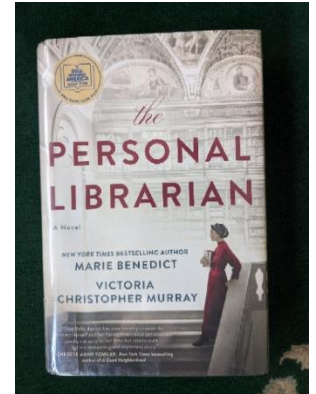
Next discussions, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>

Please contact [Michelle limori-Goldenberg](#) if you have any questions.

## Book Group Discussions,

3/25/24, at 7:00 pm -We'll discuss Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

This book is a work of historical fiction and tells about Belle da Costa Greene, who was the personal librarian of J.P. Morgan in the early 1900s. She is instrumental in procuring rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City. Her connection to the man and the library help her become a very powerful person in the art and book world, not to mention a figure in society. All the while, she is hiding an enormous secret. Her real name is Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard. She is a black woman passing as white.



04/— — NO BOOK – PASSOVER

05/20/24, at 7:00 pm - Antisemitism: Here and Now by Deborah Lipstadt

To be included in this group, please contact, Jennifer Kalenscher, [jenkal@comcast.net](mailto:jenkal@comcast.net)

For questions or suggestions, please contact Dana Sirkin, [otrbanana@comcast.net](mailto:otrbanana@comcast.net) or Diane Kahn, [dianeandjosh@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeandjosh@hotmail.com)

## Program Committee Meetings

Wednesdays, 4/10 and 5/15 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact: Jennifer Kalenscher, [jenkal@comcast.net](mailto:jenkal@comcast.net) or 503-893-0822

## Special Request

Are you are Early Bird?

Are you an early bird?

Neveh Shalom wants to strengthen the Minyan group and they have put a request out to all of the Neveh Shalom Committees to see if we can create a series of people who are supportive of our community by agreeing to attend the morning Minyan one time a week or month. I'm not a morning person, BUT I am willing to commit to a group of Sisterhood members who would be willing to attend the Morning Minyan either once a week, or....? We can even figure out a way to have breakfast or coffee afterwards. Are you in? Call me. (Jennifer (503) 893-0822) or email: [jenkal@comcast.net](mailto:jenkal@comcast.net)

# Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop

Your place to find unique items for holidays, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, or weddings.

Consider shopping at the Gloria Bacharach Judaica Shop for all your Judaica needs! We carry a supply of candles for Shabbat, Havdalah, and Yahrtzeit, as well as gifts (including jewelry), cards, and ritual items for holidays and special occasions. Check out our Passover items!

Can't find what you're looking for? We can plan a special order for you from our catalogs.

Our current hours are:

Sundays 9-12n during Aliyah School hours

Monday/ Wednesday 11-1pm

Friday 10-12n

The shop is run by volunteers and hours are subject to change if a volunteer is unavailable. Our co-managers, Dana Sirkin (503-680-5877) and Jennifer Kalenscher (503- 893-0822), can be contacted to arrange a special time to shop if needed.

Also, we are looking for new volunteers to either share hours or work other hours- let us know if you are interested. In particular, our Sunday volunteer will not be continuing after the end of this school year so we need to find someone to fill her shoes!



## 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.**

## **Your Sisterhood Board**

Co-Presidents (Presidium):

Jennifer Kalenscher

Jackie Lesch

Dana Sirkin

Immediate Past President: Michelle Imori-Goldenberg

Communications/Marketing Secretary: Elizabeth Samuels

Recording Secretaries: Jennifer Kalenscher and Dana Sirkin

Financial Secretary: Judy Weingard

Treasurer: Sandra Fulcher

Members at Large:

Rebecca King (membership, and Torah Fund chair)

Barbara Steinfeld (new)

Dana Weinstein (new)

Arleen Zucker (new)

On going Members-at-large:

Stephanie Arnheim

Nancy Diamond

Diane Kahn

Brenda Schwartz

Marla Weiner

Linda Shivers

Message From the Editor



All Sisterhood members are encouraged to send photos and/or written material to me for the next newsletter, coming out in May. Please send to [Elizabeth Samuels](#), Neveh Shalom Sisterhood Newsletter Editor. Thank you for your participation.