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In All Our Beginnings

Rabbi's Corner

By Rabbi David Kosak

On Sunday, February 2nd, I arrived at our quaint cabin, nestled in a mountain valley of the Siskiyou Range in southern Oregon. The car was stocked with food and other basics, which turned out to be prescient, for a light snow had begun to fall. Over the next two days, our new home would receive fifteen inches of snow, followed by another fifteen. The last time this area had seen anything like it was back in 1919, but the builder must have suspected something when he designed the steeply slanting A-frame roof line. Snow sloughed off easily, clapping on the frozen ground like the sound of a car door slamming shut.

We didn't have internet service at this point. In fact, I had planned to pick up the hardware that same Sunday before the storm changed my plans. For ten days, my sole connection with the world was a weak cell signal that sometimes was sufficient to send texts to Laura, assuring her that I was safe. There was a half cord of silver madrone in the woodshed, and with the flat rubber blade of my car's ice scraper, I somehow managed to shovel a path wide enough for a wheelbarrow from there to the house.

The opening of the Hebrew Bible contains one of the world's most powerful creation stories, reminding us that in the beginning, all was disordered. Darkness lay over the surface of the deep while the wind of God swept over the primordial waters. Sometimes, change is a continuation of what we previously knew; other times, like a world blanketed under two feet of snow, we are startled by how complete a break it is from whatever came before.

Alone in the hills, my sabbatical felt like the latter sort, for I was cut off from the world while the pristine snow looked like an untouched canvas, ready to greet the first brushstrokes of a creator. Inside, the cabin was not much different. For furniture, I had a fold up card table, a camping chair, and an air mattress. My life was reduced to essentials, such as keeping the fire stoked. For entertainment, I wrote and returned to a novel my grandfather gave me decades earlier.

Knut Hamsun was a Norwegian writer awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1920. In the 1967 introduction to Hamsun's novel, *Hunger*, Isaac Bashevis Singer considered him to be "the father of the modern school of literature in his every aspect..." What is remarkable about Singer's praise is that he knew full well the unsavory fact that Hamsun was an admirer and supporter of Adolph Hitler, but it did not diminish his respect for Hamsun's remarkable craft. Nonetheless, those noxious political beliefs explain why Knut Hamsun's name is not as well-known as lesser authors.

Like my grandfather or Singer, I am able to view a person's artwork separate from the person. So it was that I cracked open the binding on Hamsun's most beloved book, *Growth of the Soil*, which tells the primeval tale of Isak, who is a wayfarer in the remote and unsettled Norwegian northlands. Far from the nearest town, he breaks ground and slowly builds a small farm. Eventually he marries and starts a family with Inger. The world changes around Isak, yet his steadfastness does not waver. The book has rightfully been compared to Genesis, for it is a mythic tale of personal creation and agency. It is a story, in other words, of



momentous changes, which has given it a timeless, enduring quality.

It was this book I wanted to reread as Laura and I end one long chapter of our life's work and begin again. When change comes quickly, most of us seek guidance. We wonder what compass can help us navigate turbulent times. For me, *Growth of the Soil* was one such north star, reminding me that personal persistence and steadiness allow us to meet momentous change head on. The world may change, sometimes drastically, yet we can keep on keeping on. As my friend Juan Carlos once said, "We are not afraid of reality because we are people of faith."

As the days of my tenure as your senior rabbi dwindle, along with opportunities to share my thoughts with you, these are the reflections I want to share with you in my final Chronicle article. Momentous changes can carry a charge of hope or fear, yet in either case, we need

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Embracing Change, Embracing Community

By Rabbi Eve Posen

To know me is to know that I love word play, especially when that has interchange in Hebrew and in English. One of my favorite words in Hebrew is the word “*Shannah*,” which has roots that can mean a year, a change, or teach. It makes sense in my mind that the same word could be used for all three—a lot can change in a year, teaching can change thoughts, and change is inevitable year after year.

As I step into the role of senior rabbi of our beloved congregation, I find myself reflecting on the power of momentous change. Change, whether personal or communal, can be both exhilarating and daunting. It brings with it a sense of excitement, a fresh perspective, and an opportunity to grow in ways we never imagined. Yet, it can also stir uncertainty—an awareness that the familiar is shifting and that new paths lie ahead.

In Jewish tradition, we are no strangers to change. Our ancestors—from Abraham and Sarah setting out on an unknown journey to the Israelites standing at the edge of the Red Sea—teach us that transformation is an essential part of spiritual and communal life. At every turning point, we are called not just to passively experi-

ence change but to embrace it with faith, wisdom, and an open heart.

As I begin this journey with you, I do so with immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility. I am honored to build upon the incredible foundation laid by those who have served before me. Their dedication, vision, and love for this community have brought us to this moment, and I stand in awe of the legacy we inherit together. Our congregation is a place of warmth and connection, of tradition and innovation, of learning and action. It is a sacred space where generations come together to pray, celebrate, and support one another.

At this threshold of change, I want to reaffirm my commitment to listening: hearing your stories, your dreams for our congregation, and your hopes for our collective future. I want to create spaces where we can explore Jewish life in meaningful ways, where each of us feels a sense of belonging, and where our values inspire us to engage with the world around us.

The coming months and years will undoubtedly bring new opportunities and challenges, as they always do. But just as our tradition teaches us to greet change



with courage, I have faith that we will navigate this journey together, rooted in the strength of our shared history and the promise of our future.

May this be a time of renewal and inspiration for all of us. May we continue to build a community that is welcoming, compassionate, and deeply connected. And may we, like our ancestors before us, step forward into this new chapter with hope, purpose, and hearts full of possibility.

I look forward to walking this path with you, with gratitude and excitement.

Rabbi Kosak *Continued from previous page*

not be overwhelmed, for as people of faith, we have the internal resources to weather whatever life presents us with.

Let me conclude then, with one final compass point that has helped sustain me through life's ups and downs. It is a short poem by Langston Hughes:

Advice
*Folks, I'm telling you,
birthing is hard
and dying is mean—
so get yourself
a little loving in between.*

The love you seek is inside of you.

With love and appreciation for our time together,
Rabbi David Kosak

Amir Tibon and the Day Everything Changed

By Cantor Eyal Bitton

Everything changed on October 7. Amir Tibon, an Israeli journalist living on Kibbutz Nahal Oz, woke up that morning to the sound of rockets. He thought it was just another barrage from Gaza. It wasn't. Palestinian terrorists had crossed the border and entered his kibbutz. They were murdering his neighbors. They were setting homes on fire. They were outside his window.

Amir, his wife, and their young daughters hid. For hours, they heard gunfire and voices just outside their door. They waited for the worst. They waited to die.

They were saved by a hero—Amir's father. A retired air force pilot, Amir's father drove through rockets and burning cars to reach his son. He fought his way to the kibbutz. He got Amir and his family out.

This is the story Amir Tibon tells in his



THE GATES OF GAZA

A STORY OF BETRAYAL, SURVIVAL,
AND HOPE IN ISRAEL'S BORDERLANDS

AMIR TIBON

new book, *The Gates of Gaza: A Story of Betrayal, Survival, and Hope in Israel's Borderlands*. In it, Amir writes, "Our lives had been spared. But something else had been taken from us—something invisible, something that is almost impossible to regain once it's lost. We were no longer free people."

The momentous change of October 7 is not only about the lives lost, the families destroyed, or the towns burned to the ground. It is about the loss of safety, the loss of the belief that life on the border could be protected, and the loss of the idea that Hamas could be contained.

It changed Amir Tibon. He writes about his longing to build something new out of the wreckage. He writes about wanting to protect his daughters' future, to demand accountability from a government that failed to protect its people, and to hold on to hope that something better can rise out of this nightmare.

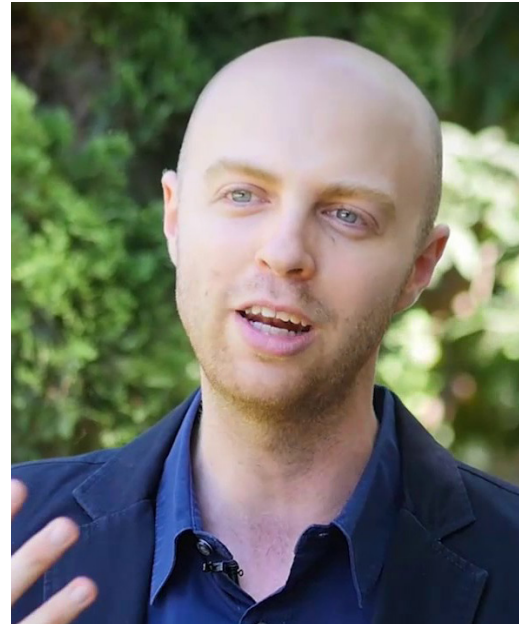
It changed Israel.

The country that is always on guard discovered just how vulnerable it was. The army that is always ready discovered just how unprepared it was. The people who are always strong discovered just how broken they could become. But they also discovered something else.

Israelis ran into the fire. Civilians took up arms. Soldiers left their homes and didn't come back. Volunteers flooded the hospitals with food, clothing, and love. The country that shattered on October 7 also found a way to stand.

As we approach Yom HaZikaron and Yom

Cantor's Corner



Amir Tibon

Ha'atzmaut, we do so with fresh grief as we remember the fallen. And this year, we remember the close to fifteen hundred who were murdered and the soldiers who committed themselves, for months and months, to defending their land and their loved ones.

And then, somehow, as we always do, we shift from mourning to celebration. We honor the cost. We honor the sacrifice. We say that despite everything—despite Hamas, despite Iran, despite the world that demands our weakness—we are still here.

This is the story of Israel. This is the story of momentous change, loss, survival, and hope. This Yom Ha'atzmaut, we celebrate the birth of our beloved Israel, and the fact that we are still standing.

And we will keep standing.

Amir Tibon will be our CNS Scholar-in-Residence, May 9-11. More info soon.

Momentous

Change *By Mark Kalenscher, CNS President*

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said, "The only constant in life is change." Change connects the past, present, and future, challenging us to discover opportunities for growth and transformation. By welcoming change, we open ourselves to new perspectives, innovative solutions, and stronger connections within our community. Change is not just about the challenges it brings but also about the opportunities it presents for us to grow and strengthen our community.

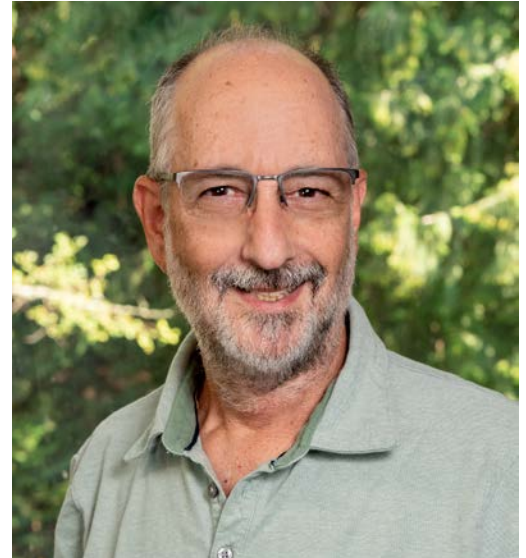
Neveh Shalom's recent vote to promote our Associate Rabbi, Eve Posen, to the senior rabbi position is a testament to the congregation's commitment to embracing change and nurturing spiritual leadership. As we navigate this transition, our collective efforts are integral in helping Rabbi Posen succeed as our next senior rabbi. Rest assured, Rabbi Posen will have a strong support system, including Rabbi Kosak, Cantor Bitton, and the Board, to ensure a smooth transition and her success in this new role.

We must acknowledge that change can be difficult. It may disrupt established

routines, unsettle expectations, and evoke a sense of unease. However, we can learn, adapt, and grow during these uncomfortable moments. Your input is crucial during these times. Encouraging congregant feedback and engaging in meaningful dialogue enables us to make informed and inclusive decisions and ensures your voice is heard. Your constructive feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of our *kehillah*.

It is equally important to recognize that more change is coming as we search for and prepare to welcome a new assistant or associate rabbi. Bringing in a new clergy member requires flexibility and a willingness to collaborate as a community. By embracing the challenges and opportunities ahead, we can develop a clergy team that is responsive to the needs of our congregation.

During the transition, let's reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement. As a *kehillah*, we are committed to fostering a culture of inclusivity, open communication, and spiritual exploration. We will continue to build on



these strengths while addressing areas that need attention. Staying true to our shared values is crucial in cultivating the trust and support needed to navigate change successfully.

Change is an inevitable part of life, and embracing it is the key to our resilience and growth. As we move forward, let us approach this transition with hope, optimism, and a shared commitment to creating a vibrant Neveh Shalom community.

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Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



Alexis Lipke | April 5

Alexis is the daughter of Anna and Michael Lipke, younger sister to Samuel, granddaughter of Ella Stern (z"l), David Stern, and Iris and Edward Lipke. She is a 7th grader at French International School of Oregon. She loves painting and drawing and is a published illustrator. She is learning to play guitar, loves skiing and plays water polo. Traveling is a favorite pastime, whether to the sunny beaches of Hawaii or Florida, the snowy mountains of Idaho or Colorado, or the metropolitan avenues of midtown Manhattan.



Lila Rose Perrin Coltoff | April 26

Lila Rose Perrin Coltoff is the daughter of David and Debra Coltoff, granddaughter of Laurence and Sharon Perrin, Seth and Roslyn Coltoff, and Edith Coltoff. Lila is a 7th grader at Jackson Middle School who loves all things dance and performs with a competitive team in tap, jazz, and contemporary styles. When not dancing, Lila is usually found laughing with her friends or relaxing with her sister, Shara, and parrot, Ziggy.



Shai Anchel | May 3

Shai Anchel is the son of Sharon Anchel and Käthe Anchel, grandson of Roza and Reuven Anchel and Karen Spiro. His siblings are Maya Henneman and Ziv Anchel. Shai is a 7th grader at Rosemont Ridge Middle School in West Linn. Shai's favorite activities are basketball, music (clarinet and piano), gaming, and playing with his dog, Ziggy.



Miriam Estelle Gatke | May 10

Miriam Estelle Gatke is the loving daughter of proud parents Jessica and Brandon Gatke and grandparents Larry and Susan Gouz and Diane and Steve (z"l) Gatke. She is a 7th grader at Riverdale Grade School. Miriam stays very active as a Juliette Girl Scout, playing defense and mid-field for Foothills Soccer Club, and racing various sprint events for Tigard Youth Track Club. In her spare time, you can find Miriam strumming on her guitar, listening to music, reading, or snuggling with her dogs Artemis and Athena. For her mitzvah project, Miriam volunteered at Tryon Creek State Park to improve forest health by helping remove invasive plants and restore native trees.



Levi Sloan Birk-Coblens | May 24

Levi Birk-Coblens is the son of Mia Birk and Glen Coblens, grandson of Myra and Hy Jackson (z"l), Joyce Birk and Tommy Thompson (z"l), and David and Diane Birk, as well as younger brother to Skyler and Sasha. Levi is a 7th grader at Mt. Tabor Middle School who is into math, basketball, football, and hanging out with friends. For Levi's mitzvah project, he is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball youth tournament in support of Peace Players, an international organization using the power of sport to build peaceful and thriving communities.



Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah



Judah Hamlin Weinstein | June 7

Judah Weinstein is the son of Elizabeth Ruethling and Joshua Weinstein and brother to Oren. He is a 7th grade student at Northwest Academy and attends Camp Miriam. Jude plays guitar, collects vinyl records, and loves all things music. Am Yisrael Chai!



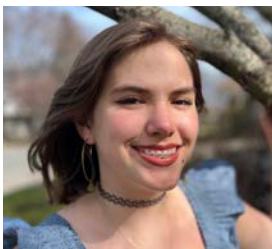
Celia Sternberg-Darin | June 14

Celia Sternberg-Darin is the daughter of Ari Sternberg and Mary Darin, big sister to Olive Sternberg-Darin, and granddaughter of Wendy Sternberg and Win Bohme (z"l) and Judith and John Darin. A 7th grader at Hosford Middle School, Celia is a dedicated and loyal friend, an adventurous traveler eager to try new foods, and an avid reader who enjoys curling up with a good book (or any book). She loves baking sweets and thrives on academic challenges, especially in math. For her mitzvah project, Celia is partnering with SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) to organize book donations.



Elijah Gabriel Barish | June 21

Elijah Gabriel Barish is the son of Noah and Callie Barish, brother of Samara, Aria, and Mira Barish, and grandson of David and Gale Barish and Jim and Michael Richman. Elijah is a 7th grader at Harrison Park Middle School. In his spare time, Elijah enjoys playing chess, practicing the ukulele and trombone, participating in Cross Country and Track events, making hand-dipped candles, and engaging in lively debates on politics and economics. For his mitzvah project, Elijah is hosting a variety of events collecting school supplies to donate to teachers and underserved students through Schoolhouse Supplies.



Jessica Rose Lewit | June 28

Jessica Rose Lewit is the daughter of Lindee and Benjamin Lewit, granddaughter of Jane and Robert Lewit, and Karen and Michael Powell. Jessica is a 7th grader at Hood River New School who enjoys acting, dancing, drawing, and playing Fortnite with her friends.

Mazel tov to our B'nai Mitzvah students!

Momentous Changes for Our Tichon Graduates

By Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning

Our Tichon graduation is a highlight of the year for all who attend. This year, we have six graduates, each of whom has been involved in Jewish life and the CNS community throughout their lives.

Our 12th grade class has a special seminar each year that they help design. This year's senior class chose a text study component and an art component. For the first hour, they have been learning texts and delving into discussion about constructive conflict, based on the Mahloket Matters curriculum that I learned at the Pardes Institute last summer in Jerusalem. They, in turn, will be teaching some of these texts and concepts to the rest of the Tichon teens on a Wednesday evening before



the end of the year. During the second hour, they are creating an art installation with Tichon teacher Youki Imori, based on our congregational theme of the year, "And you shall be a blessing..." Their functional art project is a mini-library for cookbooks and recipes along with a mural featuring the Jewish foods that we bring to each other to offer a blessing of healing or companionship.

The congregation is warmly invited to the Tichon end of year presentations by each of our Tichon classes (Interfaith Interaction, Judaism Unpacked, and Time Travel: learning the indigenous customs of the Jewish people) as well as the graduation of our senior class, on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00pm.

Please join me in wishing a huge Mazel Tov to our graduating class: Yahmeet Freundlich, Trevor Gilbert, Rose Sapoznikow, Danielle Wolpin-Kohl, Tessa Wolpin-Kohl, and Noah Zeitzer. Each of them is a true Jewish leader, and we will miss seeing them weekly in our kehillah!



Yahmeet Freundlich, an 11th grader at Ida B. Wells High School, joined the senior class this year at Tichon. She has been in Tichon and ALIYAH her whole life, always celebrating Shabbat and holidays with her family. She loves sharing insight about Judaism and Israel to those who want to learn.



Danielle Wolpin-Kohl is a senior at Westview High School. She is the president of her school's Jewish Student Union (JSU), works as a *madricha* in Neveh Shalom's ALIYAH Program, and has been attending CNS since Pre-K at Foundation School! Danielle plans on attending Mount Holyoke College in the fall. Go Lyons!



Trevor Gilbert is a senior at Tigard High School; he attends Tichon, is the Evergreen regional president for BBYO, president of his school's JSU, and a student advocate for the Jewish Federation's Student-to-Student program. He has been a part of a two-way Spanish immersion program since kindergarten and is currently an athlete for his school's Track & Field team. He will be attending a 4-year university in the fall studying business administration and entrepreneurship.



Tessa Wolpin-Kohl is a senior at Westview High School. She is a *madricha* on Sunday mornings at CNS and loves to celebrate Shabbat with her family. A CNS member since preschool, she looks forward to graduation and attending a four-year college for business.



Rose Sapoznikow is a senior at the International School of Beaverton. They enjoy sharing their Jewish culture and traditions with ALIYAH's 5th grade class as a *madricha*. Rose loves to cook and bake—they engage with their Judaism through food!



Noah Zeitzer is a senior at Ida B. Wells High School; he attends Tichon, is an active member of JSU at his high school, and is a student advocate in the new Student to Student program (teaching Portland area high schools about Judaism with a panel of other Jewish students). Noah is the team captain of the Track and Cross Country teams at his high school; he will be attending Hofstra University in the fall, where he will run track and cross country.

How to Live in Interesting Times

By Ronit Scheyer, Director of Early Childhood Education

Like it or not, we are living in interesting times. Whether as Americans, Jews, or Israelis, or even just as parents and educators of young children, life is anything but boring right now. I have started half-jokingly saying to my friends that, whatever happens, since we can't say with a straight face any more that "everything will be alright," at least it will be interesting, and we'll be in it, whatever "it" is, together. Honestly, this is only half a joke, because with all my heart as an authentic, empathic person, the most I can say is that I will be there as much as possible for my loved ones through the times of uncertainty, chaos, and momentous change that are coming.

As a person who consistently looks to the past to try to help me understand the present—and hopefully be more prepared for the future—I know that the Jewish people have weathered challenges before and come out on the other side. Let us be completely honest though: we haven't emerged unscathed. Indeed, if we can say anything about the Jewish people, it's that we have survived history "scathed," scarred, or not even necessarily stronger in some cases. We are most definitely still here, but what has been lost through centuries of persecution and privation—cultural wisdom, Torah scholars, texts both sacred

and mundane, entire families—is immeasurable.

In times of uncertainty, when it can be hard to know which way is up and even when the boat will stop rocking enough for us to catch our breath and find our footing, the Jewish people have an advantage. We have been through interesting times before, and what will keep us together through future chaos is what has always kept us together—Shabbat, Torah study, and *kehillah*, or community. It's not necessary for every individual to have to figure out what to do. What has survived of our traditions and practices is what has actually kept us together: our shared commitment to the future of our people, a love of education and learning at every age, as well as our striving for justice and peace both for us and for the less fortunate in our midst. When everything is uncertain and fear hangs in the air, it can be tempting to want to stay inside, as it were. I would argue that in times of big changes, we actually need each other more than ever. Especially when we don't feel like it, we must keep showing up, gathering together, signing up for things, making friends, or finding out how we can help.

Springtime is traditionally called *zman cheiruteinu*, the time of our freedom, when we celebrate Pesach and the creation of the Jewish people after being freed from Egyptian slavery. But what kind of freedom are we

celebrating? The people newly freed were meant to enjoy not just a *freedom from* oppression but a *freedom to* become a people who learn together (Torah), who keep their traditions and particularities going (Shabbat), and who know who they are, recognizing the value of gathering together and taking care of each other (community).

At its heart, the Jewish worldview and the practice that flows from it, is not as interested in individual rights as it is in individual responsibility. Judaism is a practice of obligation. A *mitzvah* is not just a good deed, although it may be that, but an obligation. And Jewish practice, indeed our whole way of being in the world, is based on our obligations to one another. Judaism is interested in the question "What must I do?" but not "What am I owed?" If you ever find yourself adrift wondering what to do, you may find certainty in trying to answer the question "What is the *mitzvah* in this moment?" Change is inevitable. Big, momentous changes, the kind our society is in right now, can be frightening. Let's weather the storm together.



Parting Reflections: Rabbi Kosak *By Sara Safdie*

I met with **Senior Rabbi David Kosak** during his sabbatical, ensconced in his new home in southern Oregon. I had several questions about his tenure as Neveh Shalom's senior rabbi. His responses have been condensed; as much as possible, these are Rabbi Kosak's words.

I asked if he decided to retire from CNS due to his Bell's Palsy diagnosis. He responded: "For many people, it looks like there's a complete recovery, but it certainly was not the case for me.... Basically a part of the goal of human development is to let go of our personal identities to just construct and make up the narrative. The freeing part is you know this identity, but you don't recognize yourself. It opened a doorway to reevaluate." Further, "There's these other jobs I want to apply myself to, which I view is part of my work as a rabbi, but not necessarily and not in a congregational setting. It doesn't give the expansiveness, which is too deep in intellectual and spiritual personal development, but also to share ... and to be of service in those areas in the world. It can be initiated by the absence of health because this becomes a question of personal identity. Not recognizing yourself on your phone opens a door...."



Rabbi Kosak teaching in the woods



Rabbi Stampfer, z"l, and Rabbi Kosak

Rabbi Kosak expanded on that and his plans. "This phase of life is as much a calling as something planned by me. The thing with being called is that ultimately you don't know what it's for and to really hear a calling you have to be open to being taken somewhere you can't necessarily imagine. That's a place I intend to try to remain receptive to whatever those possibilities are but at the same time down to earth, so I want to spend more time in meditation and deeper work. I have different books and things

I want to be able to share that require a lot of work." It could also become a bridge for him between an urban environment and the natural world, perhaps opening new pathways for him as a rabbi, though not in a pulpit setting.

I asked about his most significant actions while serving at CNS. "That is a question for others, but it's also a question I think about," bringing up a conversation he had had with

Rabbi Stampfer, z"l. "His advice was really interesting. It was to look for a gap and try to fill that gap" because when he arrived at Neveh Shalom, it seemed that many processes in the community were in place or planned. "I thought we needed a culture in which everyone felt heard and seen and in which people with different beliefs, backgrounds, and thoughts could feel at home. In a certain sense, we could be one of the big names for the movement Big Tent Judaism, where everyone can find a place in that tent. Very powerful!" "The kindness commons, a set of psychological nonviolent protocols," was one of his accomplishments, including involvement with the interfaith community, thereby increasing the Big Tent, very important after October 7.



Rabbi Kosak reading during Purim

He mentioned I360. "Israel was not front and center because the country was so polarized, so people's feelings around Israel were equally polarized. Using that kindness commons and non-violent communication techniques, we put Israel back on the map, and we did that over eight years."

Rabbi Kosak shared memorable situations in which he had been involved, including his community work, and the streets and tiny house programs, "which

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From Chrysalis to Wings: Neveh's Monarch

By Jenn Director Knudsen

If you were to have told me at 13 that this is what I'd be doing now, I'd never have believed you," said **Rabbi Eve Posen**, reflecting both on her first trip to the bimah as a Jewish adult and her new job. Twenty-eight years later, her title this July changes from associate rabbi to senior rabbi.

Posen will be Congregation Neveh Shalom's first woman to hold the title of senior rabbi – still a novelty in the Conservative movement – after 10 years as one of our clergy members, first as assistant rabbi and then as associate rabbi. Her elevation is a monumental change for our *kehillah*, her rabbinite, Posen's family, and Posen herself.

"This is a different kind of promotion," Posen said. "I have pride in our congregation, by its making a change in clergy that feels momentous and matches the



A 13-year-old Rabbi Posen at her bat mitzvah



Rabbi Posen and her family at the first CNS Family Camp in 2017 and again in 2024

values we have," such as consistently having female clergy for more than 30 years.

Growing up in Detroit, she said she had "a desire to blend in," describing a shy and more retiring person than the one many in our *kehillah* now know. Posen added, "Nor back then did I have strength of voice."

That is no longer the case. Referencing the metaphor of a chrysalis morphing into a butterfly, Posen said, "Becoming senior rabbi allows me to unfurl my wings, allows the expansiveness of who I am and the expansiveness of my vision to come to fruition."

This past January, the Board of Directors recommended, and the congregation voted overwhelmingly, to approve Posen's promotion. **Senior Rabbi David Kosak** maintains his position through the end of this fiscal year. Bell's palsy

struck Kosak in late-summer 2023—just before the High Holy Days—and he's yet to recover fully from the condition.

That season, Posen stepped in – and up – to fulfil the duties her colleague was unable to, providing a professional performance at the drop of a *kippah*. Assuming the senior rabbi's duties, coupled with a realization that occurred during her one-month sabbatical in 2023, helped Posen recognize she could and desired to lead Neveh Shalom. "My sabbatical was the moment I noticed I changed into the space of being able to do this," she said in a recent interview.

As one adage goes: change most often begins with oneself. So it was with Posen, known to many as "Rabbi Eve."

She wrote in a March/April 2023 article for this publication, "...[i]n particu-

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lar during the sabbatical month itself, I have focused on understanding myself and my needs and balancing the work that I love in our community with those needs.... I [allowed] myself to be present with my family... I took short walks and long walks. I cooked dinners and did our bedtime routine without rushing. I binge-watched shows and went to therapy. I was me."

Posen's own children, **Shiri**, 11, and **Matan**, 8, "are growing and changing now, too," she said. They *sometimes* might whine about hosting Fourth Friday Shabbat, a popular tradition the family, including husband **Duncan Giilman**, launched nine years ago. Posen assumed that as her role changed, the kids would ask to scrap it. Rather, they requested it to continue.

First hired a decade ago as Neveh Shalom's Rabbinic Educator and Youth Di-

rector, Posen became intimately familiar with the shul's young families. Since then, like her wings, her purview has expanded into every corner of synagogue life, sharing in members' "sadness and gladness," as colleague **Cantor Eyal Bitton** once sang about so poignantly. "I want to be as present for our kids as well as for our Wondering Jews," said Posen, referencing a social group for congregants 65 years old and better.

"The gift of our community is that the rabbi is there for the spectrum of life," she said. This includes babies' *brit* or *simchat bat* (ritual circumcision and baby naming, respectively), newly minted teens' *b'nei mitzvah*, as well as weddings, divorces, and deaths.

Posen was there as **Janine Gottheiner's** eldest daughter, **Ava**, became a bat mitzvah in 2023, and then in spring 2024 during her L.A.-based father's rap-

id transition from life to death. As Shabbat was coming in on the Friday before Janine's father passed, "I texted Rabbi Eve and said, 'The end feels close,' and she responded, 'Stay where you are, I'm on my way over, but I'm in my sweatpants because it's not my night to lead services. I hope that's okay.'"

More than OK, Janine said Posen arrived with a bottle of wine and a huge hug, "exactly what I needed in that moment." The rabbi had a conversation about Jewish death and burial with each family member, the adults as well as Ava, 15 at the time, **Hadley**, 12, and **Liam**, 7.

"Despite how hard it is to lose a loved one, I have such a beautiful memory of the whole experience, thanks to Rabbi Eve," Janine said.

This July, Posen will be on the bimah as **Hadley** becomes a bat mitzvah.

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brought different faith communities together. [Also,] Our Unity Shabbat series, which was a year of listening to pastors of color who worked in congregations of diversity."

I queried what his hopes for Neveh Shalom were, and what he had learned during his tenure. "Much is contingent upon what the times demand or bring forward.... The world often hijacks priorities with things of its own right." He hadn't "expected to lead this congregation through the Trump era, the pandemic, through the return of antisemitism in America.... You have to adapt; that sort of thing happens, but I guess my wish or prayer for it [CNS] is that it will continue to thrive.... This means having the financial resources to meet our most important goals.

"Thriving means a diverse age population; a congregation that tries to address the different needs at the different age groups." There's emphasis on youth and families because it's claimed to be the future of Judaism. "...That's obvious, but what does that mean? I think that actually middle-age and older Jews modeling religious commitment is the most effective way to engage young children." We returned to the current levels of antisemitism, something the rabbi has been engaged with, noting it is "something you can't get rid of, but you can control the frequency and intensity of the outbreak." Unfortunately, this has forced CNS to "harden" its security.

Finally, I asked Rabbi Kosak what he wanted the *kehillah* to know about his tenure that we hadn't covered. "To be a caretaker for this community. To have peo-



Lani Raider, Rabbi Kosak, and Eamon Molloy

ple trust me with many of their vulnerable stories—that's all been my privilege, that's been an honor." We look forward to the tenure of **Senior Rabbi Eve Posen**, who will take on the mantle of leadership for the congregation. At the same time, Rabbi Kosak's wit, wisdom, and love for our *kehillah* will be missed. We wish him *shalom* on the next steps of his journey.

Art, Text, and Community: A Sanctuary of Learning and Connection *By Emily Silverman*

A Latin-Israeli-Jewish dad, a woman from a family of blended heritages exploring her Jewish identity, a non-Jewish woman who married a Jewish man raising Jewish children, a Japanese-born convert, a Portland-born-and-bred father of three, and an American-Israeli immigrant all walk into an art class...

Two years ago, **Cheryl Joseph**, a professional artist and parent in the ALIYAH Program, was searching for ways to give back to the community while incorporating her love of art. What started as an experiment has grown into a small but deeply meaningful gathering, providing parents with a surprising and powerful sanctuary of connection, learning, and creativity.

“I thought it was likely just me who yearned for something like this,” Cheryl reflected. “I assumed most parents already knew each other, and that I was one of the few who felt like an outsider. Instead, I found that many parents were eager for deeper connection and just needed the opportunity to come together.”

Each month, we have gathered to discuss Jewish texts, share our perspectives, and create art inspired by our conversations. This class has become a treasured space for ALIYAH parents. “It’s not an overstatement to say this has become one of the most important communities in my life right now,” said **Karina Hershberg-Mershon**. “I wanted my kids to have a close connection to our Jewish community, but I didn’t know how to create that for myself as an adult. This class has been the bridge.”

For many, the experience has been unexpectedly transformative. One mom described it as “art therapy,” a time to pause and immerse in learning and cre-

ativity. **Charlotte Fatal** shared, “I was surprised by how much I have in common with the other parents attending. We all struggle in the same ways, raising our children. It’s been so meaningful to have something in common beyond just passing each other in the halls.”

The projects have been as impactful as the discussions. One standout was an art piece exploring the “Faces of Queen Esther,” reflecting on how we present ourselves to the world. Another favorite was making Chanukah *shamash* candles (the candle used to light the other candles), where the tactile experience of working with wax deepened the appreciation of the *shamash’s* significance. Karina recalled a session focused on Shabbat candles: “One comment from another parent really stuck with me—that the flame itself is a miracle. Everything in nature is pulled down by gravity, but the flame points up. It reminds me that even if all I can do each Shabbat is light the candles, I can take that little moment to pause and recognize the miracles around me.”

The class has not only been a space for artistic exploration but also a source of spiritual nourishment. “This has helped me experience Jewish community in a way I hadn’t before,” Karina shared. “The openness and inclusivity of the group are incredible. Everyone’s journey is different, yet we find such commonality in our shared hopes, struggles, and inspirations.” Charlotte echoed this sentiment: “This class makes me feel the most connected to the community.



Cheryl Joseph leads other ALIYAH K-6 parents in Text & Art Program

Everyone brings a different perspective that makes me think in new ways.”

Although the group did not form in response to world events, it has also served as a place of processing and healing over the last two years. “Mostly, the class has been a space to celebrate Jewish joy and wisdom,” Karina reflected. “But when needed, it has been a space to process emotions as well. It’s been a place of learning, celebration, and healing.”

For Cheryl, leading this class has been both validating and fulfilling. “Judaism and art spring from the same source within me,” she said. “Teaching this class and seeing the response from parents has been an act of giving my heart in the truest sense.”

As the Art & Text class continues to evolve, one thing is clear: it has become a cherished space for learning, creativity, and connection—one that we eagerly look forward to each month. Or, as Charlotte put it, “It’s a bit clichéd, but this class feels like nourishment for the soul.”

Rise, Shine, and Discover

By Dorice Hornstein

Three years ago, in November 2021, I made a choice. It wasn't a grand gesture or a resolution born out of obligation: it was a quiet decision to start attending morning minyan. Interestingly, I wasn't saying Kaddish for anyone close to me. Instead, I just wanted to do a mitzvah. You see, a full quorum of ten Jewish adults is needed to recite certain communal prayers, and the Mourner's Kaddish is Judaism's most widely recognized example. Whether you have recently lost a loved one or you are commemorating the anniversary of a loved one's death (*Yahrzeit*), you cannot recite the Mourner's Kaddish without at least ten Jewish adults present to constitute a minyan. I wanted to show up for those who needed my presence to fulfill this deeply personal ritual. I wanted to be part of the community that helps others honor their loved ones. And what a profound impact that simple act has had *on me!*

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Sometimes we step forward before we fully understand why. In the Torah, Moses says, *Naaseh V'nishma* "We will do, and we will listen." First comes the doing, and only later do we uncover the

deeper meaning behind our actions. Attending minyan *is* exactly that for me. Starting my week with Monday morning minyan sets the tone for the days ahead, putting me in the right mindset. Each Monday as I watch the sunrise, the beautiful drive to the synagogue fills me with a sense of peace and anticipation. There is something truly special about arriving and seeing familiar faces, greeting others, and feeling the warmth of community before the prayers even begin. We become a community caring for one another. Isn't that what a synagogue is all about?

At first, I did not want to lead, as I had been a leader for thirty years in another synagogue. I just wanted to be there and sit quietly. But of course, soon after I began attending, **Priscilla Kostiner** asked me to lead services, and you don't say no to Priscilla! Over time, I found myself gaining something far beyond my initial intentions: a sense of purpose, belonging, and quiet joy in the rhythm of the prayers.

By now I have seen so many people walk through the doors, sometimes with heavy hearts, seeking the comfort of reciting Kaddish for a loved one. And each time I see them, I think of how much it means for them to have a community to lean on, a minyan of ten people to make their prayers possible. Imagine that—your presence could be the difference



for someone who needs to say Kaddish, someone who draws comfort from fulfilling this mitzvah.

So here is my question to you: Can you show up for someone else? Can you attend a morning minyan once a month or even once a quarter, not for yourself but for the person who needs you there to complete their minyan? It might feel like a small sacrifice at first, but I promise you—just as I learned—you will gain just as much as you give, if not more.

In a world that often asks, "What's in it for me?" this is an opportunity to flip the script. Attend for others, and you'll find the richness of connection, spirituality, and community returning to you tenfold. Let's do first, and then let the rewards reveal themselves.

Neveh Shalom Happenings

Please enjoy this sampling of what is being offered at Neveh Shalom. The best way to get the latest information is through our weekly eblasts. You can sign up at: news@nevehshalom.org. Please visit the website for links at: nevehshalom.org/calendar.

Film Screening: October H8te (2025)

Wednesday, April 2, 7pm

Come together to watch this important documentary about our modern-day struggle against hatred. Hosted by Cantor Eyal Bitton and co-sponsored by JNF-USA and StandWithUs. nevehshalom.org/OctH8te

Interfaith Sisters in Unity

Wed., April 2, May 7, June 4

Meet other women across faiths on Zoom to discuss important issues.

Men's Club Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament

Sunday, April 6, 4pm

Register now to hold your spot for this fantastic event. Proceeds benefit youth education and camp scholarships. nevehshalom.org/mcpoker25

Sisterhood Coffee Connections

Tue., April 8, May 13, 11:30-1pm, MJCC

Drop in for coffee and a casual chat.

Drop-in Grief Group

Wed., April 9, May 7, June 4, 7-8pm

A place for you to be with, share, and learn about your grief in a warm and supportive community.

Wise Women

Thursday, April 10, May 15, June 12, 12-1pm

Pack a lunch and join this friendly group of women to schmooze and empower one another.

CNS Second Night Seder

Sunday, April 13, 5pm *More info to come*

Young Adults' Seder

Thursday, April 17, 7pm, Beth Israel

More info to come

Mimouna Celebration

Monday, April 21, 6-8pm

Join us for a Moroccan-Israeli post Pesach celebration.

Men's Club Beer & Bible

Thursdays, April 24, May 29, 6:30pm

Come together with old friends and meet new ones. First appetizer is on us!

CNS Family Camp 2025

April 24-27, Camp Solomon Schechter

Families with children ages 0-6th grade and older siblings come together for a fantastic weekend at camp. nevehshalom.org/form-family-camp-2025.html

Men's Club Brunch: Celebrating Poetry

with Jake Sheff and Brian Rohr

Sunday, April 27, 9:30-11:30am

Summer of Love: Sisterhood Torah Fund Fundraiser - Sunday, April 27, 5:30pm

Enjoy a groovy evening at the "Summer of Love" Torah Fund fundraiser! Light dinner and Ellis Street Band. nevehshalom.org/SOL25

Sisterhood Book Club

Mon., April 28, May 19, June 30, 7pm

Join on Zoom to discuss a new book.

Scholar in Residence Weekend w/ Amir Tibon

May 9 – May 11

Join us for Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with journalist Amir Tibon, featuring thought-provoking talks, a Shabbat dinner, a brunch, and a panel discussion exploring current events and global perspectives.

Tikkun Olam: Cooking for Outside In

Sunday, May 25, June 8, 12-2pm

Cook a meal to feed homeless teens.

Tikkun Olam: Shroud Crowd

Sunday, April 6, May 4, 2-4pm

Prepare burial shrouds.

Tichon Graduation

Wednesday, May 14, 7pm

Celebrating the Journey: A Decade with Rabbi Kosak CNS Gala

Sunday, May 18, 5:00pm

Join our community in celebrating Rabbi Kosak's time with Neveh Shalom and highlight the work of Israel360. *More information on back of Chronicle.*

Wondering Jews and Feldstein Library Author Visit - Wednesday, May 21, 1-2:30pm

Author Bettie Denny will discuss her new book, *In the Wake of Madness: My Family's Escape from the Nazis.*

Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Planting

Sunday, May 25, TIME TBD

Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, June 1, 9-4pm

Shavuot Young Family Program and Dinner

Sunday, June 1, 5-7pm

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Services and Learning Sessions - Sunday, June 1, 7-9pm

CNS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 7:00pm

Beaverton Pride

Sunday, June 29

Represent Neveh Shalom in Beaverton Pride Parade and booth.

Morning Minyan and Shabbat Services

Please visit the website for more info

Morning Minyan

Monday-Friday, 7:15am (7:00am Jewish holidays and Rosh Chodesh; 9:00am US holidays); Sundays, 8:45am

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays, 6:15pm

Simcha Shabbat

Friday, April 4, May 2, 6:15pm

Celebrate your birthday or anniversary month with your community!

Men's Club Shabbat

Friday, May 16, 6:15pm

Kol Shabbat

2nd Fridays, 7:15pm

Lay-led, voices-only service.

4th Friday Shabbat w/Rabbi Eve

4th Fridays, 5:15pm

Rabbi Eve Posen leads Shabbat for families (ages 0-10), with singing, a story, and blessings.

Shabbat on the Plaza 2025!

- **Friday, June 6 – "A Taste of CNS Roses"**
- **Friday, June 13 – "Strawberry Shabbat"**
- **Friday, June 20 – "Pride Shabbat"**
- **Friday, June 27 – "Thank you, Rabbi Kosak" Shabbat**

Saturday Morning Shabbat Service

Saturdays, 9:30am

Downstairs Minyan Shabbat Service

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

Tot Shabbat (Ages 0-5)

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am

Join young families as we gather together for some Tot Shabbat fun.

Kiddush Club (K-3rd Grade)

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am

Morah Sarah Rohr and Moreh Gershon Liberman alternate leading Kiddush Club.

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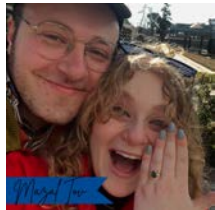


Mazel Tov to Marian Twain and Tristan Ingold on their engagement. Marian is the daughter of **Bridget Cross and Karen Twain**, brother to Oliver Twain and granddaughter to **David Twain and Sue Twain, z"l** and grandparents Joann and Wayne Baldwin. Tristan is the sister of Leah Ingold and son of Jennifer Ingold (z"l).



Hannah and David Hirsch are delighted to welcome their daughter, **Shoshanna Jay Hirsch**, born on Feb. 10, 2025. Shoshanna is named for her maternal grandfather, Michael Jay Schlesinger, and paternal great grandfather George

Joseph Wertheimer. Sharing in their joy are proud big sister **Ellie**, grandparents Karin and Michael Hirsch of London, UK, and Laura Schlesinger of Carmichaels, PA.



We are very pleased to announce the engagement of Rebecca Kahn, daughter of **Steven and Wendy Kahn**, granddaughter of **Garry and Judith Kahn**, and sister to Michael Kahn, to Zev Woskoff, son of Scott Woskoff and Sara Shutkin of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. Rebecca and Zev currently live

in Squirrel Hill where Rebecca is the Pittsburgh JCC Director of Teen Jewish Leadership.

Mazel tov to CNS Member **Elizabeth Steiner** on being inducted on January 6, 2025 as the first female State Treasurer in Oregon.



Mazel tov to CNS Member **Andy Garland-Forshee** on receiving a \$1.675 million grant from the US Department of Education for Mental Health Services at PCC and beyond.

Mazel tov to CNS Youth Activities Coordinator and ALIYAH teacher, **Sarah Rohr** who was interviewed for the article, "Antisemitic violence and Oregon" in the Jewish Review.

Yasher Koach to CNS Men's Club!

Jake Sheff and Mitch Elovitz attended an event for *FJMC: Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs*. Men's Club representatives from all over the US attended the event where Jeff presented information about the Krav Maga program, which was very well received. Thank you, Jake and Mitch and the entire Men's Club for everything you do and the ways you represent the CNS community.



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

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of our dear friend and congregant, **Sue Schwartz, z"l**, beloved mother of Renee Schwartz and Beth (Steven) Wachtman; grandmother to Jonah Biederman and Lindsey Wachtman. Sue is predeceased by her husband, **Joseph Schwartz, z"l**. In addition to her involvement at Neveh Shalom, Sue was a founding member of Chevra Kavod haMet, one of two Jewish burial societies in the Portland area.

We are saddened to let you know of the passing of our long time member **Stanley Hodes, z"l**, on February 11th at the age of 99. He is loved and remembered by his son, Greg (Chris) Hodes, daughter, **Francine (Mark) Abolofia**, grandchildren, Emily (Bill) Shields, Spencer (Marisa) Hodes, Beth Hodes, Rey Abolofia, Jay (Ruth) Abolofia, and 8 great grandchildren. He is pre-deceased by his wife, **Shirley Hodes, z"l**, of 77 years.

We are sad to inform you of the passing of Ella Stern, z"l, on January 4, 2025, at the age of 69. She is loved and remembered by her husband, David Stern, daughter, **Anna Stern (Michael) Lipke**, and two grandchildren, **Samuel and Alexis Lipke**.

We are so sad to inform you of the unexpected and untimely passing of Emily Kipnis, z"l, daughter of **Ellen & Paul Kipnis**, sister of Allison Kipnis, after a 10-year struggle with mental health.

We regret to inform you of the passing of CNS member and past-president, **Elaine Cogan, z"l**, this Wednesday, December 18, 2024. She is lovingly remembered by her children Mark Cogan (P.J.), Sue Van Brocklin (Robert) and Leonard Cogan; their six grandchildren, Joshua and Annabelle Cogan; Elizabeth (Bryan Rahija), Kate and Meg Van Brocklin; and Rodrigo Cogan Ponce; and two great-grandchildren, Jovie and Remy Rahija. Elaine is predeceased by her husband, **Arnold Cogan, z"l**.

Elaine was the first female president of CNS in 1978, and a long-time supporter of the congregation. She and Arnold chaired numerous long-range plans throughout CNS history. Elaine was a nationally renowned consultant, lecturer, and trainer in communications, strategic planning, and public engagement, as well as the author of *You Can Talk to (Almost) Anyone about (Almost) Anything*. She wrote a weekly column for The Oregonian, hosted a popular Portland radio talk show, and provided political commentary on local TV. She was honored by several local publications as a Woman of Influence, Woman of Distinction, and Woman of the Year. Elaine also co-founded the consulting firm Cogan & Associates with her late husband Arnold and served as the first woman chair of the Providence Medical Center board.

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For 3-5 graders:



Sunday, April 6, 12-1:30pm
Adventure #3: Jewish Self Defense
Stand up with courage and might!
This playful exploration will include
useful practice. Lunch included.

Sunday, May 4
Adventure #4: Kayaking on the
Tualatin River

Sunday, June 8
Adventure Party! Celebrate all the
adventures with food and fun!

Costs:
Individual Jewish Adventures: \$18
per adventure, kayaking is \$90.
<https://members.nevehshalom.org/form/ya-passport25.html>



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CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY: A DECADE WITH RABBI KOSAK



For the past ten years, Rabbi Kosak has guided our congregation with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering dedication. Deepening our spiritual connection through meaningful worship, strengthening our community through acts of kindness and inclusion, and inspiring lifelong learning for all ages. Under his guidance, our congregation has grown in both heart and purpose, creating a warm and welcoming space for all who seek belonging. Though his tenure may come to a close, the foundation he has laid will continue to shape and uplift us for generations to come.

**In recognition of Rabbi Kosak's commitment to bring diverse voices on Israel to the Portland community, with a core tenet being Israel's right to exist. We are introducing the:
Rabbi Kosak Israel360 Endowment Fund**

**Join us for a special event celebrating Rabbi Kosak on Sunday, May 18, 5:00pm.
More information: nevehshalom.org/kosak2025**