



Congregation Neveh Shalom



Program Guide 2025-26

SHALOM CHAVERIM

Welcome!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new year of learning, connection, and growth at Congregation Neveh Shalom. As we open the pages of this year's program guide, we also open ourselves to the sacred possibility of community, tradition, and transformation.

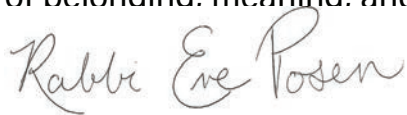
Our theme for 5786 is drawn from a powerful phrase in the Book of Exodus: Na'aseh v'Nishma — "We will do, and we will listen." These words, spoken by the Israelites at Sinai, express a uniquely Jewish approach to spiritual growth. We act, and then we understand. We try, and then we reflect. Judaism is not just a religion of belief—it is a living tradition of practice, dialogue, and discovery.

This year, we invite you to embrace action and learn through listening. Whether it's joining a minyan, volunteering for a mitzvah project, participating in adult education, attending a family Shabbat, or sitting in sacred conversation with one another, each step we take brings Torah to life. We believe that learning happens not only in classrooms but in sanctuaries, kitchens, parks, and Zoom squares. Listening is not only about hearing others but about noticing the wisdom within ourselves and our tradition.

You'll see this theme woven throughout our programs—from youth and family offerings, to adult education, to social justice initiatives, holiday celebrations, and beyond. Each experience is an invitation to say "yes" to Jewish life—sometimes before we know exactly where it will lead. Like our ancestors at Sinai, we trust that by doing, we come to deeper understanding.

In a world that often rushes us toward certainty, Judaism gives us space to grow, ask questions, and act with purpose. At Neveh Shalom, we do that together—as a kehillah kedosha, a sacred community.

We are so glad you're here. May this year's journey of na'aseh v'nishma lead us all to a deeper sense of belonging, meaning, and joy.



Senior Rabbi
Rabbi Eve Posen



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BELONGING



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. Being a member of the Neveh Shalom kehillah allows for all of this and much more. This Program Guide is your roadmap.

Being a member of Congregation Neveh Shalom is a gift to yourself and your family. This gift connects you with your Jewish 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 becoming a member, please visit our membership page at nevehshalom.org/membership.

Contact: Michelle Caplan | mcaplan@nevehshalom.org



CONGREGATION

NEVEH SHALOM 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

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

Fulfilling our sacred obligation to community, we welcome all to attend our Morning Minyan. Morning Minyan meets in Zidell Chapel Monday-Friday: 7:15am start time (7am Rosh Chodesh), Sunday and office closure holidays: 8:45am

Online participation is also available.

Contact: Priscilla Kostiner | lamalo@comcast.net

Friday and Saturday Shabbat Services

Kabbalat Shabbat, every Friday (except 3rd Fridays), 6:15pm

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

Simcha Shabbat - A Birthday/Anniversary Month Blessing - 1st Fridays, 6:15pm

On the first Friday of each month, during our Shabbat service, the Rabbi will welcome those with a birthday or anniversary in that month to the bimah to receive a special blessing.

New! Kol Shabbat, 3rd Fridays, 7:00pm

From November through May, join our "voices only" Erev Shabbat service. This later service allows us to slow down and ease into Shabbat together.

Shabbat on the Plaza/Shabbat in the Vestry Throughout the summer and in the winter

Enjoy festive Shabbat services and meals. Learn more in our special event section, pages 7-9.

Shabbat Morning Service, every Saturday, 9:30am

Traditional weekly Shabbat morning service. 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.

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 Posen - 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.

Kiddush Club, K-2nd 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. Followed by Kiddush lunch.

Mini Minyan, 3rd-5th graders (NEW!)

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am

Join Tefilah and Youth Specialist Meg Bernstein to learn, lead, and enjoy an active mini-Shabbat service. This service is a great stepping stone to the main service for our older elementary aged kids! Followed by Kiddush lunch.

Live Streaming Services

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. To learn more about resources at CNS, please contact our clergy assistant, receptionist@nevehshalom.org

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 Cantor Eyal Bitton, ebitton@nevehshalom.org; 503-293-7301.

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. Please contact Rabbi Eve Posen, eposen@nevehshalom.org, to discuss this exciting milestone.

If you'd like to extend your simcha with an onsite reception or other festivities, please contact our Operations & Facilities manager, Lizzy Garrat at egarrat@nevehshalom.org or 503-293-7314.

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 Michelle Caplan: mcaplan@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 Assistant Executive Director Michelle Caplan at: 971-246-7583.

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).

ENGAGE | SPECIAL EVENTS

October 7th Memorial Sunday, October 5, 7pm



Community-wide gathering to commemorate the events of October 7th, 2023.

Young Adult Happy Hour in the Sukkah Tuesday, October 7, 6pm



Join our fun, and casual gathering with young Jewish adults (20s-30s). Bring your favorite board game and enjoy pizza, cocktails, and great company in the sukkah.

Wise Women & Wondering Jews Sukkah Lunch Thursday, October 9, 12pm



A fun, casual opportunity to socialize with your 65+ peers. Order-in lunch from Garbanzo's, or bring your own.

New Member Happy Hour in the Sukkah Saturday, October 11, 5pm



Our newest members are invited to a special sukkah-gathering with the clergy and Board. Share a drink, light nosh, and meet your new community!

Scotch, Snacks, and Sweets in the Sukkah Potluck Sunday, October 12, 7pm



The entire kehillah is invited to join Men's Club and Sisterhood in the sukkah. Bring a parve or dairy dish to share, shake the lulav, eat, and schmooze! Paid-up Men's Club/Sisterhood members free; \$36 at

the door – includes membership.

CNS Community Erev Simchat Torah Dinner & Celebration Tuesday, October 14, 5pm: Youth Activities, 6pm: Dinner, 6:45pm: Services



Celebrate with us the end and new beginning of the Torah cycle. Together we'll dance and sing as we revel in the blessings of community!

Women's Storytelling Collective Celebration Tuesday, October 21, 6:30pm

The Feldstein Library presents a collection of reimagined Jewish folktales, original works, and personal stories where women take center stage.



Sisterhood Opening Event Wednesday, October 29

Meet new friends, connect with old ones, enjoy food and entertainment.



Art, Heart, and Soul Workshops Fall 2025, Winter 2026, Spring 2026

Have a glass of wine, a nosh, and play with art in this series of casual, fun, multi-media art workshops with a Jewish lens, each lead by a professional artist from the ORA Northwest Jewish Artists group.



"Too Fat for China" A One-Woman Show Sunday, November 9, 4pm

The hilariously funny and shockingly honest Phoebe Potts recounts her experiences with body image, racism, infertility, adoption, and Jewish identity.



Israel360: Eye on the Media – The World's Obsession with Israel

Monday, November 10

Executive Director of HonestReporting Gil Hoffman will analyze the challenges Israel overcame since October 7 on the media battlefield, from biased reporting to selective omission, explain why Israel's image is so critical, and advise you on what you can do to help.



Rabbi Eve Posen Installation and Celebration November 14-16

Join us as we celebrate Rabbi Posen's installation as our senior rabbi with a weekend of special services, tributes, and shared meals.



IMMERSE | SPECIAL EVENTS

Brunch & Speaker Series, Sponsored by CNS Men's Club Sundays: December 7 & April 19



All are invited to come for a nosh and opportunity to learn more about today's most relevant issues with a variety of fascinating topics and speakers.

Latkes & Vodka with Sisterhood & Men's Club Tuesday, December 16, 6:30pm



All are invited to join Sisterhood for this lively, adults-only celebration of the festival of lights to benefit Torah Fund!

CNS Chanukah Party Sunday, Dec. 21



Chanukah, oh Chanukah, come light the menorah with your CNS community! Dinner, songs, and activities – there's something for everyone at this celebration!

Israel360: Building Peace, Partnership, and Shared Society Between Jewish & Arab Citizens of Israel Sunday, January 18, 11:00am



Hear from Lee Gordon, Co-Founder and Alumni of Hand in Hand, a growing network of award-winning schools across Israel, serving over 2,300 Jewish & Arab children and their families.

Shishi Shabbat Dinner Friday, January 23



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

New Member Welcome Brunch Spring 2026



Our newest members are invited to a special brunch with the clergy and Board. Share a meal and meet your new community!

Trivia Night with Men's Club Thursday, February 19

Come test your knowledge, enjoy some laughs, and connect with friends in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.



Purim Carnival and Celebration Monday, March 2

You are invited for a fun carnival experience followed by a delicious community dinner and lively megillah reading.



CNS 2nd Night Community Seder Thursday, April 2

Gather round the table for Neveh Shalom's 2nd night seder. We'll enjoy reading from the haggadah while having opportunities to engage beyond the text with meaningful interactive activities and discussions.



Young Adult Passover Seder April 2026

Have a glass of wine (or four!) with Jewish young adults in their 20s and 30s from all around the Jewish PDX community for a welcoming and lively seder. Co-hosted with Congregation Beth Israel.



Mimouna: A Post-Passover Moroccan Celebration Sunday, April 12

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.



Yom Hashoah Wednesday, April 14

Together as a community, we will honor the memory of the Holocaust on Yom HaShoah through remembrance and reflection.



CONNECT | SPECIAL EVENTS

Yom HaZikaron/Ha'atzmaut Late April



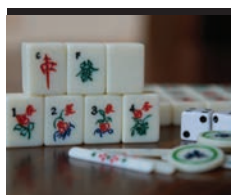
We partner with community members to recall those who gave their lives to ensure Jewish freedom and independence, and celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Israel.

Scholar-in-Residence Spring 2026



Each year we bring a renowned expert for a riveting weekend of learning. Featuring lectures, panel discussions, and meals, don't miss out on this opportunity to gain a new perspective.

Mah Jongg Tournament Sunday, May 17



Join Sisterhood 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!

Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Learning Thursday, May 21



Always a fascinating learning opportunity, we'll approach our evening study of Torah through a relevant and contemporary lens.

CNS Annual Fundraiser Sunday, May 31



We look forward to coming together as a community to celebrate and support the ongoing mission of Congregation Neveh Shalom, especially our 70 years of Foundation School!

Shabbat on the Plaza Summer 2026



Shabbat on the Plaza offers an outdoor, spiritual service in the beauty of the Holzman Plaza followed by a fun-themed dinner, signature drinks, and time for Kehillah. It's a space for contemplation, inspiration, and connection, designed to nurture both the spirit and community ties.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament Sunday, June 7

Join CNS Men's Club for a fun afternoon as we hold our annual charity Texas Hold 'Em tournament. Profits go towards youth education scholarships. Snacks, beer, and other beverages are provided.



CNS Annual Congregational Meeting Thursday, June 18

Please join the CNS community at our annual meeting to reflect upon our last year, and set the tone for a new one.



CNS Goes to a Thorns Game! Summer 2026

Go Thorns! Come cheer on the Portland Thorns during this fun and exciting afternoon with your kehillah!



PRIDE HAPPENINGS

Pride Shabbat | Summer 2026

A festive staple in our Shabbat in the Plaza series, Pride Shabbat is an opportunity to socialize and daven with your LGBTQ+ kehillah within CNS.

Pride Beaverton | Summer 2026

CNS Keshet represents at Pride Beaverton in the park. Come check out our booth and march with us in the parade!

CNS Marches at PDX Pride | Summer 2026

CNS is PROUD to be standing (and marching!) with other Jewish organizations alongside the broader Portland community for Portland Pride 2026.



CULTURAL & INTEREST GROUPS

CNS Keshet LGBTQ+



CNS Keshet is a vibrant and welcoming community for LGBTQ+ Jews of all ages. We come together to celebrate special shabbatot, holidays, and host fun-filled social gatherings. Join us for engaging pride activities and build meaningful connections in an inclusive and joyful environment.

Contact: cnskeshet@gmail.com
More info: nevehshalom.org/cns-keshet

CNS Men's Club



The CNS Men's Club is a welcoming, multi-generational community where men come together to learn, connect, and have fun. Enjoy **"Torah on Tap"** nights out, engaging **brunches** with guest speakers, **sports & fitness activities**, **Tikkun Olam projects**, and our annual **Poker Tournament**. Our programming evolves to match members' interests, so ideas are always welcome. Join us for camaraderie, meaningful connections, and plenty of laughs! New CNS members receive a free one-year membership. Annual dues: \$36.

Contact: Jake Sheff | jjsheff@gmail.com
More info: nevehshalom.org/mens-club

CNS Sisterhood



Experience community warmth, shared joy, and the empowerment of women supporting women. As a dynamic and inclusive group within CNS, Sisterhood offers programs that build friendships, leadership skills, and community connections. Activities include **hiking, crafting, parties, book groups, potlucks, games, cooking, educational events, interfaith connections, and volunteer opportunities**. Whether you want to meet new friends, grow as a leader, or give back, there's something for everyone. Be inspired, uplifted, and connected!

New CNS members receive a free one-year membership. Annual dues: \$36. Members enjoy discounts at the Judaica Shop.

Contact: sisterhood@nevehshalom.org
More info: nevehshalom.org/sisterhood



CULTURAL & INTEREST GROUPS

CNS Young Adults



Come hang out with us! CNS opens its doors to young adults in their 20s and 30s from all over the Portland Jewish community for game night in the Sukkah, 20s & 30s seder, and more. Interested in helping shape our Young Adult programs? Please reach out!

Contact: Lisa Richmond | Irichmond@nevehshalom.org

Wise Women



Wise Women is a warm and welcoming group that provides an opportunity for women to come together, socialize, and empower one another in a casual environment. Join us for a monthly BYO brown-bag lunch, discussion, and laughter! Open to all ages and stages, this is a great chance to foster friendship within our kehillah.

Contact: Jennifer Kalenscher | jenkal@comcast.net

Wondering Jews (65+)



Wondering Jews isn't for altacockers! We are an active, vibrant, and welcoming group of retirees and empty-nesters who meet monthly to laugh, learn, share, and schmooze with peers. Our adult-only activities are low/no cost, typically held during weekday afternoons, and designed to be relevant and accessible to all. Museum visits, movie matinees, tours, food cart lunches, nature walks, engaging speakers, and day trips are great opportunities to engage with old friends and meet new ones!

Contact: Lisa Richmond | Irichmond@nevehshalom.org



CULTURAL & INTEREST GROUPS

Israel360



Israel360 is a series of regularly occurring programs that embraces Israel's right to exist and considers many aspects of Israel—modern and ancient—from diverse viewpoints and approaches. At the center of I360 programming is creating a safe space for the community to explore, learn, and share a wide array of narratives about Israel. Some sessions have a cultural, political or military focus, while other events will examine Israeli history, sociology or the peace process.

Contact: Lani Raider | lraider@nevehshalom.org
More info: nevehshalom.org/israel360

Israeli-American Programs



Neveh Shalom is committed to our Israeli families and to fostering greater connection between Israelis and Americans in our wider community. Partnering with PDX Hillel and Keruv Levavot, we host and support special programs throughout the year that bring together Israeli and American students, adults, and families. Join us for a warm Shishi Shabbat (Shabbat dinner) on campus or at the synagogue, a festive Mimouna celebration to end Passover, and other events throughout the year!

Contact: Etti Segal | esegal@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!

Gift Shop hours are based on volunteer availability. Please contact us to check current hours or schedule an appointment.

Visit our online store at:
nevehshalom.org/giftshop

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— EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER —

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (BIRTH-2ND GRADE)



The **Early Childhood Center** along with our **Youth and Family Engagement (YAFE)** programming at CNS promotes relationship building, social engagement, and informal family learning opportunities for families with children birth through 2nd grade.

Early Childhood Center



Our Early Childhood Center is a community resource that supports the holistic well-being of both children and their families.

Watch for these offerings from the Early Childhood Center, including:

- Preschool Education (next page)
- Parent-Child Activities
- Parent Education Workshops
- Families Helping Families (meals, playdates, and more)

Youth and Family Engagement (YAFE)

Our YAFE Programming offers joyful, spiritually and emotionally enriching activities for youth and families throughout the year, including:

- Berry and Apple Picking
- Summer Fun at the Splash Pad
- PJ Havdallah Wintertime Programming
- Youth and Family Focused Services
- Family Camp at Camp Solomon Schechter
- Storytimes at the Farmer's Market
- and so much more!

Have questions, need support, or want to join the email list?
Contact: Ronit Scheyer | rscheyer@nevehshalom.org



— EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER —

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (BIRTH-2ND GRADE)



Foundation School Preschool (Ages 12 months - 5 years)

All are welcome! | Joyful Jewish learning | Strong parent community | Outdoor Education Program
Experienced and loving teachers | Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach

Now Enrolling - Hours 8-5 with options for a modified schedule

Ronit Scheyer, Director of Early Childhood Education, rscheyer@nevehshalom.org, 503.293.7302

Candace Rothstein, Administrative Director, crothstein@nevehshalom.org, 503.293.7307
foundationschoolpdx.org

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 nearly 70 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. We lovingly support the very youngest members of our *kehilah* ("community") during the most formative years of their lives. We meet children where they are developmentally, and we explore Judaism using all our senses, for a beautifully holistic experience.

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 ideas and words have power. Teachers structure the environment to help children expand their academic and social potential, encouraging discovery and meaningful learning in developmentally appropriate ways.



— EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER —

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (BIRTH-2ND GRADE)

YAFE Shabbat Services

Fourth Fridays w/ Rabbi Posen - 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, 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 CNS's liveliest Shabbat service. Enjoy singing, dancing, 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 for Kiddush Club! Followed by Kiddush lunch and play.

YAFE Shabbat Shmooze

Join us on select Saturdays after lunch for games, connection, and snacks.

PJ Havdallah



Saturdays: November 22 & December 13 - 5:30pm

Join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat in our PJs. For families with children ages 0-2nd grade. We'll have dinner, stories, art, and a whole lot of fun. There is a per person charge.

For more K-2nd grade youth activities, see page 18.

Join us for the 10th Annual CNS Family Shabbat Experience at Camp Solomon Schechter April 10-12, 2026

"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 from 0-5th grade for a fantastic weekend at Camp Solomon Schechter. As a community, we'll celebrate Shabbat with family friendly services, activities, and games. Adults will have time to relax as well. Located on the beautiful camp grounds in Tumwater, 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 Candace Rothstein, crothstein@nevehshalom.org

YOUTH EDUCATION



(Grades K-12)

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

Mel Berwin, Director of Congregational Learning
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Lani Raider, Assistant Director of Congregational Learning
503.293.7309, lraider@nevehshalom.org

ALiyAH K-6

Now more than ever, it is important for our children to grow up with a strong sense of Jewish connection, identity and history. 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.



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.

This year's program options:

- **A Taste of Jewish Culture**—Cooking, eating, and discussing foods from around the Jewish World.
- **The Golem Project: Power, Protection, Projection, and Peril**—Explore the long, strange history of the Golem through stories, graphic novels, video, discussion, and creative projects!
- **AHHHH! Jewish Monsters!**—An exploration of Jewish myth, magic, and monsters through Torah, Talmud, Mishnah, and more.



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!



Teen Trips!



9th graders, pack your bags! We are partnering with Congregation Beth Israel and Tzedek America to bring a group of teens to Los Angeles to explore social justice issues with a Jewish lens. The trip will take place in December. Registration is now open! We are able to subsidize the cost of the trip thanks to a generous donation by an ALIYAH family.

New: Mensches & Mavens!



Mensches & Mavens Intergenerational Program

Back by popular demand, our wonderful Mensches & Mavens program brings together youth about to become bnai mitzvah with elders (by any definition) from our congregation for all forms of Jewish identity-strengthening activities, from cooking to storytelling to art and text. For more information: nevehshalom.org/mm2526 or contact Mel!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Find your tribe!

Join your friends and make new ones in our youth groups for kids from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Check out our exciting new calendar of activities for every age, from hands on projects to movie nights to outdoor adventures!



Contact Youth Specialist,
Meg Bernstein, with questions & ideas
at mbernstein@nevehshalom.org

CHAVERIM - For K-2nd graders & their families

Upcoming Events:

September – Apples & Honey
October – Pumpkin Painting
November – Experiment PDX adventure
December – Hanukkah Party



NOAR - For 3rd-5th Graders

Upcoming Events:

September – Mini Minyan begins!
October – Local Lulav Project
November – Hopscotch adventure
December – Movie Night



GESHER - For 6th-8th Graders

Upcoming Events:

September –Tashlikh Hike at Balch Creek
October – Spooky Kabbalat & Kibbitz
November – Movie Night
December –Havdal-anukkah White Elephant Party



BOGRIM - For 9th-12th Graders

Upcoming Events:

September – Movie & Pizza Party
October – Scary Movie Night
November – Gratitude Kabbalat & Kibbitz
December –Mocktails & Karaoke Party

NEW SHABBAT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

Mini Minyan - A NOAR Shabbat Morning Experience

After Shul Special - A GESHER Shabbat afternoon hangout in the Olds Family Youth Lounge

Kabbalat & Kibbitz - A GESHER/BOGRIM Friday Evening Potluck Series



LIFELONG LEARNING



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Lani Raider, Assistant Director of Congregational Learning
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We welcome all learners to join us for an exciting array of Adult Education programs this year!

Learning During Elul

Conservative Judaism Explained
Tuesday, Sept 9, 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.



Elul: Teshuvah - An Illuminated Paths Journey
Monday, September 15, 7pm with Debbie Plawner
Step into the Oracolor Wheel™, a 20-foot circular walking meditation inspired by Jewish wisdom. Walk at your own pace—come as you are, leave with something meaningful.

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.

Beginning with "Why" - with Rabbi April Villarreal
Mondays, 7:30-8:30pm | Oct 27-Feb 23 (12 classes)
\$80 members/ \$120 nonmembers

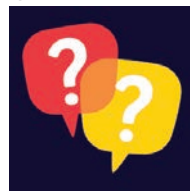
The "why" in any major project has gained renewed attention in recent years. The mitzvot/commandments, one of Judaism's central projects, elicit profound Jewish wisdom on the question of "why?" and what it means to live with purpose. In this class, we will explore this wisdom through study and conversation, developing our own wisdom for the moment we are living in now.
Contact Lani to register: lraider@nevehshalom.org

Did Jew Know: Na'aseh V'Nishma: Doing and Understanding our Jewish Practice

Led by our CNS clergy on an alternating basis
Sunday Mornings, beginning in November

Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 8, Mar 15, Apr 12

Join your CNS Clergy to explore the basics of Jewish living and learning, rituals and practice. These stand alone sessions will explore Shabbat, Jewish Death rituals, broad holiday practices and every day blessings.



Jewish Ethics: the Basics: Exploration with Rabbi Isaak

Thursdays 10:00-11:00am on ZOOM

Start date: October 9, 2025

What do we mean when we speak of Jewish ethics? We know that the Torah embraces slavery and accepts gender inequality. The rabbis early on struggled with capital punishment. What about thoughts about pluralism, nationalism, democracy and the family. How have Jewish ethics evolved over the centuries?

Parshat HaShavuah: Weekly Torah Portion Study with Rabbi Eve Posen

Mondays, 12:00-1:00pm on ZOOM

Start date: October 13, 2025

Join Rabbi Posen every Monday at 12pm as we dig into the Torah portion of the week. Together we'll question and connect with the words of our ancestral narrative. No Hebrew language required.

To register for clergy classes, please contact Shainah at sfalk@nevehshalom.org or call 503-246-8831

LIFELONG LEARNING



Synagogue Skills

Siddur Basics - with Meg Bernstein
Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm | Oct 27-Feb 23 (12 classes)
\$80 members/ \$120 nonmembers

Feel lost in the service? Join us to learn the prayers of Shabbat services! Together we will learn the most common Hebrew vocabulary words used in our prayer-book, and spend time practicing reading and chanting in order to gain practice and confidence. Hebrew decoding skills are a prerequisite for this class (Beginning Hebrew or equivalent).

Learn to Leyn: Chanting Torah for Beginners & Beyond
with Rabbi Shanee Michaelson

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 | Oct 22-Jan 28 (11 classes)
\$80 members/ \$120 nonmembers

Learn to chant Torah—you can do it! We cover the names and tunes of the cantillation symbols, and then work on a short Torah reading for a future service of your choice.

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! Let us help you design your personal path to this meaningful milestone.

Contact Mel Berwin, mberwin@nevehshalom.org, to start the conversation!

Learn more: www.nevehshalom.org/adult-education/

Hebrew Classes

Beginning Hebrew

Tuesdays, 7-9pm, beginning Oct 28

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

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



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Machon Ivrit - Modern Hebrew

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm, beginning October 28

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

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

Learn more at: nevehshalom.org/machon-ivrit

Q&A for Beginning Hebrew & Machon Ivrit

Tue, Oct 21, 7pm with Teachers

Orientation to our Hebrew classes and levels. Meet the teachers, explore the syllabus, and get help with registration.

— THE FELDSTEIN LIBRARY —

Connect with the Feldstein Library

The Feldstein Library houses over 11,000 volumes to meet the diverse needs of CNS and Portland's Jewish community. Use of the library is free for synagogue members and those enrolled in classes at Neveh Shalom. Non-members are also welcome to use the library for a nominal annual fee.

Our librarian is committed to fostering a positive experience for every library user, from preschoolers who attend weekly story times to community members of all ages.

Explore our collection

If you're looking for a book on just about anything viewed through a Jewish lens or by a Jewish author, chances are we have it. Besides our extensive Jewish history collection, we have a growing graphic novel section, a robust middle grade section, and thanks to some very generous donations, our newest collections – **the Jasmine Spiegel Diversity Collection** as well as a large number of modern Hebrew language novels – and much, much more.

New this year: **Healing Kits** are available for check out now! Designed to support families with children experiencing challenging times, such as death of a loved one, moving, or divorce, these kits include books, discussion guides, and assorted activities.

Yom Kippur Book Cart – Look for the cart full of books at High Holy Days to read something thought-provoking or inspiring during our days of awe.

Upcoming Events

Adult Storytime Winter is a time we look for cozy, indoor activities. This January, come to the library for a cup of tea, (or maybe a hot toddy), a comfy chair, and a short story or two read to you by Saphranit (librarian) Leora. Why should the little kids have all the fun?

Ben-Yehuda Book Club In Mid-October, we will hold our own version of the old "Scholastic Book Club," courtesy of Ben-Yehuda press. Folks will be able to order anything from their catalog. Orders will be shipped to the library for pick up at designated times. Save on shipping and help raise some money for the library!



More Programming to Come – Keep your eyes open for invitations to and details about other library programming, such as our multi-generational book club and author visits.

Donations to the Library

Making a financial or book donation to the Feldstein Library in honor or in memory of a loved one helps our collection grow, while commemorating the birthday, B'nai Mitzvah, or Yahrzeit of a book lover in your life. Choose from one of three custom designed bookplates to be placed in the book.

Access our wish list and our donation policy through: nevehshalom.org/feldstein-library/.

Find current library hours, library news events, explore our catalog, and more at nevehshalom.org/feldstein-library.

Contact Our Librarian

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



TIKKUN OLAM: REPAIRING THE WORLD

CNS Hesed

Can you lend a hand? Do you need a hand?

At CNS, we care for each other in times of need. The Hesed Committee connects our community through simple but meaningful acts—bringing meals, sharing medical equipment, offering rides, or making a caring phone call.

Whether you're someone who could use support or someone ready to offer it, Hesed is here to strengthen our kehillah with kindness and connection.

Contact: Barb Schwartz | barbschw@gmail.com;
Sheri Cordova | nonasheri43@gmail.com
More info: <https://nevehshalom.org/hesed-committee/>

Avrahams Closet

Avraham's Closet 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. Please use the contact information below for more information about how to donate or borrow items.

Contact: Patty Magid Volk | (503) 246-8831 x511

Food Pantry

We have congregants who experience food insecurity daily and need our support. All CNS members and staff are welcome to utilize the food pantry. Strict confidentiality will be maintained for shoppers.

Please look for barrels marked FOOD PANTRY around our building to put contributions of non-perishable items.

Food Pantry OPEN HOURS:

Sundays: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Thursdays: 8:30 - 10:00am

Or by appointment

Contact: Jane O'Glasser | (503) 293-7312
foodpantry@nevehshalom.org



Meal Support

The Neveh Shalom Hesed Committee "Meal Train" Program provides meals to those in our congregation who may need some temporary community support. Over the past year, meal support has been provided to congregants recovering from surgery, undergoing chemotherapy, managing mental health crises, experiencing sudden unemployment, welcoming a new child, grieving over the death of a loved one, and other challenges.

Contact: Darryl Rotman Kuperstock | (203) 215-8555
kuperst@gmail.com

Phone Friends

Feeling connected matters. Our Hesed volunteers offer occasional friendly phone calls to congregants who may appreciate a check-in. Whether it's a quick hello or a longer chat, these conversations are a simple way to brighten someone's day and help maintain a sense of community and care.

Contact: Sheri Cordova | (971) 754-4177
nonasheri43@gmail.com



TIKKUN OLAM: REPAIRING THE WORLD

CNS Tikkun Olam

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.

Contact: Shainah Falk | sfalk@nevehshalom.org

Birthday Calls to Members

Join other CNS members in making birthday phone calls to your fellow congregants! We all love to hear from each other and be acknowledged. It is a true Mitzvah!

Contact: Jason Nelson | nelsjaso@yahoo.com

Chevra Kavod haMet/Shroud Crowd

(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). Shroud Crowd is dedicated to creating the traditional shrouds, tachrichim, used by Chevra Kavod haMet.

Contact: chevrakavodhamet.org and
chevrakavodhamet@gmail.com

Chevra Nichum /Comforting Mourners

This is a group of fellow congregants, working in close partnership with our clergy, dedicated to supporting members of our community who are experiencing grief. The name Chevra Nichum is derived from the Hebrew root nichum, meaning "comfort." Just as we are taught to perform nichum aveilim: the mitzvah of comforting mourners, our Chevra Nichum Partners aim to gently walk beside those navigating the path of mourning.

Contact: Sandy Axel | sandyaxel@msn.com
Anna Davis | annaldavis73@yahoo.com



Acts of Care & Connection (outside CNS)

Cooking for Outside In One Sunday a month, CNS members gather in the Neveh Shalom kitchen 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.

Contact: Rick Botney | 8888octopus8888@gmail.com

Neighborhood House

CNS is proud to partner with Neighborhood House frequently throughout the year, supporting their commitment to offering innovative and high-quality education, anti-poverty and senior support services.

Contact: Lisa Richmond | Irichmond@nevehshalom.org

Transitions Project

CNS Sisterhood supports Transitions Project, an organization that supports and provides a variety of services to adults transitioning from homelessness to housing. Needed donations: Hygiene items, clothing, and linens. All items should be new and unopened.

Contact: Dana Sirkin | otrbanana@comcast.net

Not seeing a cause you think CNS should support? Want to help initiate and coordinate Tikkun Olam activities at CNS?

Contact: Irichmond@nevehshalom.org



MEET YOUR CNS PROFESSIONALS

Clergy



Rabbi Eve Posen
Senior Rabbi
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Through my time as clergy at CNS I've learned how to trust my instincts and be present in the moment.



Cantor Eyal Bitton
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I've learned that singing and gathering as a community deepens our Jewish identity, our love for Israel, and our role in the world.



Rabbi Emeritus Daniel Isaak
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Each day brings new questions, new issues, new challenges. Everyone comes with a unique story.



Rabbi April Villarreal
rabbiapril@nevehshalom.org

There is always another kindness to be found. Sometimes we are the ones to bring it into being. At other times we are its recipients. But if we look for it, it's always there.

Executive Team



Marlene Edenzon
Executive Director
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I have learned that each interaction with a congregant holds the potential for deeper connection and greater understanding.



Michelle Caplan
Assistant Executive Director
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I have learned the true meaning of kehillah (community) and the importance of practicing patience and understanding when working with both congregants and colleagues.

Programming



Lisa Richmond
Program Director
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Through my work, I've learned how profoundly the connection, belonging, and support of a strong community can shape a person's life — including my own.



Meg Bernstein
Youth Activities Coordinator
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I have learned how to join a new community & how to give myself space to learn (mostly) without feeling like I need to know how to do everything right away.

MEET YOUR CNS PROFESSIONALS

Education



Mel Berwin
Director of Congregational
Learning
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I have learned so many things over my 20 years here! Most importantly, what a privilege it is to accompany and affirm our community's young people throughout their growing up years.



Lani Raider, Assistant Director of Congregational Learning
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I have learned and continue to witness the power of community, and the incredible collaborative commitment and deep care brought each day to help nurture, grow, support, and challenge our Neveh community.



Ronit Scheyer
Director of Early Childhood
Education
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I have learned the staying power of shared doing and learning — what we do together lasts and, most importantly, builds relationships.



Candace Rothstein
Foundation School Administrative
Director
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I have learned that we are co-creators of learning with the children in our care, and that their potential is truly limitless.



Leora Troper
Librarian - The Feldstein Library
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I've experienced profoundly, how uplifting it can be to be able to give others the opportunity to offer their help and support.



Danielle DeSilva-Evans
Foundation School Administrative
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I learned how fulfilling it is to be part of a child's early years, even from behind the scenes. Supporting families, staff, and the little ones!

Financial Services



Rikki Kass
Finance Director
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I have learned the value of having a relationship with our congregants. I use my daily interactions with our members as an opportunity to connect and engage with people in our community.



Laura Robinson
Accounts Receivable and
Development Assistant
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Through doing my job at Neveh Shalom, I have learned how to make our community accessible for everyone who wants to participate!

MEET YOUR CNS PROFESSIONALS

Administration



Elizabeth "Lizzy" Garrat
Operations & Facilities Manager
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I learned the importance of balancing big-picture planning with everyday details. I've also gained a deep appreciation for how sacred spaces bring people together, and I'm grateful to play a role in that.



Javier Ramirez
Facilities Support & Event Staff

At Neveh Shalom I learned that community isn't just something you belong to, it's something you help build everyday with compassion, intention, and presence.



Shaina Zins
Communications & Marketing Specialist
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I have learned how much strength can come from listening to my community, and from my community listening to me!



Patricia Alcaraz
Facilities Support & Event Staff

I learned that I am thankful to have work and I like meeting the children and hearing them say "hola."



Shainah Falk
Administrative Assistant/
Receptionist
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As both a member and staff, I've learned that Na'aseh v'Nishma comes alive when I say yes to the work first and let the meaning unfold through the doing.



Carolyn Andersen
Facilities Support & Event Staff

I learned how capable I am, no matter the challenge.

Facilities



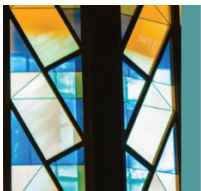
Kurt Rice
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I've learned that receiving the proper information, one can implement a great plan of action.



Jesus Perez
Facilities Support & Event Staff

I learned that effective teamwork thrives when everyone brings their unique strengths to a shared purpose, grounded in respect, trust, responsibility, and a sense of belonging.



Congregation Neveh Shalom

Member Interest Form



We're thrilled that you are a part of our vibrant Neveh Shalom community! Whether you're looking to make new friends, share your talents, or give back through volunteer work, we're here to connect you with activities that bring you joy and fulfillment. Tell us what you love to do, and let's explore the many exciting ways you can get involved!

YAFE (YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT)

- ☐ Tot Shabbat (ages 0-5)
- ☐ Kiddush Club (K-2nd grade)
- ☐ Youth Activities
 - ☐ CHAVERIM (K-2 & Families)
 - ☐ NOAR (3rd-5th Grade)
 - ☐ GESHER (6th-8th Grade)
 - ☐ BOGRIM(9th-12th Grade)

CULTURAL AND INTEREST GROUPS

- ☐ Book Club
- ☐ CNS Keshet (LGBTQ Individuals & Families)
- ☐ Gloria Bacharach Judaica Gift Shop
- ☐ Israel360
- ☐ Israeli-American Programming
- ☐ Men's Club
- ☐ Young Adults (20s-30s)
- ☐ ORA, Northwest Jewish Artists
- ☐ Sisterhood
- ☐ Special Needs Family Group
- ☐ Wise Women Social Group
- ☐ Wondering Jews (65+)

HESED/TIKKUN OLAM

- ☐ Charity Drives
- ☐ Cooking for the Hungry
- ☐ Avraham's Closet (Medical Equip. Lending Library)
- ☐ Food Pantry
- ☐ Meal Trains
- ☐ Chevra Nichum / Comforting Mourners
- ☐ Housing & Homelessness Support
- ☐ Climate & Environmental
- ☐ Chevra Kavod haMet/Shroud Crowd

GET INVOLVED

- ☐ Audio/Visual Assistance
- ☐ Birthday Calls to Congregants
- ☐ College Outreach
- ☐ Decorating for Holidays and Other Events
- ☐ Event Photography/Videography
- ☐ Home Hospitality Host (Shabbat, Pesach, Etc.)
- ☐ Library Helper
- ☐ Office Support
- ☐ Reading Torah/Participating in Services
- ☐ Shabbat Greeters
- ☐ Translation Services
 - ☐ Russian
 - ☐ Spanish
 - ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Writing/Communications

OTHER COMMENTS OR INTERESTS:

Name: _____

Contact: _____



Scan the QR Code or visit
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CNS Annual Giving Campaign

When you participate in the **CNS Annual Giving Campaign**, you do more than support others—you fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah, putting your values into action with **kavanah** (intention). In giving, you open yourself to deeper spirituality, lifelong learning, and personal growth.



We are profoundly grateful for your vision and generosity in sustaining our vibrant Jewish community. Your gift ensures that **kehillah**, synagogue membership, and Jewish education remain accessible to all who wish to be part of our CNS family.

Na'aseh V'nishma Give, Act, Listen, Grow

Donate online at:

members.nevehshalom.org/form/AGC5786

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