



From Our Rabbi...Eric Rosin

One of the first weddings that I ever officiated was my sister's. As a rabbi, standing under the *hupah* with any couple in love is an incredible privilege. Standing under the *hupah* with a sibling and her soulmate and facilitating the sanctification of their love for each other is a sensation that can hardly be expressed in words. Their wedding was a Saturday evening ceremony in Michigan, not far from where we grew up. My sister and brother-in-law are a wonderful couple. My brother-in-law's family is warm and engaging. My parents and my brother and sister-in-law were beaming. The toasts were touching and humorous. All in all, it was a perfect wedding.

That's why, that night, the words of the Havdalah ceremony were, suddenly, more unsettling than I had realized. The word "Havdalah" means distinction and the Havdalah ceremony marks the separation between the holy Sabbath and the rest of the week. Since a wedding cannot be performed on the Sabbath, in order to formally acknowledge the end of the Sabbath, before we began with any of the wedding rituals we gathered both immediate families off in a side room and we held our own short, sweet and intimate Havdalah ceremony.

And in that context, with my sister in her wedding dress, my brother-in-law looking very stately in his dark suit and my parents close to tears, we chanted the central prayer of the Havdalah service which ends with the words, "*HaMavdil bein kodesh l'chol*," blessing the God Who separates between *kodesh*, or holy, and *chol*, which is what we call the days that are not Shabbat or holidays. Often, this is translated in English to read, "The God Who separates between sacred and profane."

And this is where I had to stop and think about the prayer. I don't know how many of you have had the honor of officiating at the wedding of your younger sister, but let me tell you that there is nothing profane about seeing your sister in a wedding dress against the backdrop of the sky on a late Shabbat afternoon as it turns progres-

sively deeper shades of blue until the light outside disappears and the picture windows lining the ballroom are transformed into mirrors reflecting back images of the wedding party and all of the preparations for the upcoming celebration. Just in case, you haven't had that experience, let me assure you that there is nothing profane about it. It's about as profoundly *kodesh*, or holy, a thing as you can ever experience. So how could I say the prayer that blesses God for separating between the holy Shabbat and the profane days of the week?

And then, I remembered a teaching of **Rabbi Heschel's**. He taught that the Hebrew word "*chol*" can't mean profane. The six days of the week which are not Shabbat are no less holy than Shabbat itself. It's just that on the six days of the week, we work to build a holy world through the enterprises of our everyday occupations and enterprises. We help others. We repair what is broken and heal what is injured. We carry out God's will in any number of ways. On Shabbat we pause our own creative acts to give tribute to God's acts of creation. But all seven days of the week are holy.

This period after the holidays is similar to that. The holidays, like Shabbat, were an intense and holy time. It was a privilege for me to stand in front of you as your new rabbi. We took a break from the rest of our lives. We did a lot of praying together and a lot of thinking together and a lot of spiritual work together. But this time after the holidays is also holy. This is when we can roll up our sleeves and get creative. This is when we can take all of the thoughts and intentions that filled us during the holidays and put them into action, making them real in the world and helping our own lives to more closely reflect what God demands of us. This is our opportunity to make our synagogue truly into a *kehilah kadoshah*, a holy community.

I look forward to doing this work with you. Now that the programming year has begun in earnest, it is clear that there is no shortage of creativity or commitment in our community. If there are other things that you would like to see here at Neve, though, please don't be shy. Let us know what you would like to see and join us in the work to make it a reality.

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Notes from the Hazzan

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

“Do Not Separate Yourself from the Community”

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“Al Tifrosh Min Hatzibbur” (Do not separate yourself from the community, Avot 2:5, is a very important Jewish principle in which I firmly believe. It’s one of the reasons that I formed The Jewish Choir of Central NJ 12 years ago. I felt that there were not enough ways for Jews in Middlesex County to come together for common goals. Federation helps in this area but the choir brings together over 40 people from 15 different congregations to sing in harmony and bring Jewish choral music to our many audiences.

This concept was partially why I helped with “Raise Our Voices” for several years and conducted the Israel celebration concert at the State Theater for Israel’s 60th Birthday. This principle is why I volunteer my time to the Cantors Assembly both locally directing the NJ Cantors Choir and nationally as a past-president of the Cantors Assembly.

Bringing the community together is what drives the programs Neve Shalom does in conjunction with the JCC, Temple Emanu-El, Beth Mordecai and sometimes Highland Park Conservative Temple. I have been privileged to be part of the annual Yom Hashoa event at the JCC and the interfaith Thanksgiving program in Highland Park. I volunteer to lead Friday services at Whispering Knolls because giving back

to the community is important to do. I sometimes also do special holiday programs for the Central NJ Home in Somerset.

This year, Neve Shalom has a new slogan of “One Community.” We are excited to present many social, spiritual, educational, musical, and social action programs. In reality, I think Neve Shalom is comprised of many communities which come together as one. Some of our members are involved in Men’s Club and others in the 55 Plus Club. Some join Hadassah or Sisterhood. Some of us are in the choir and others come regularly to morning minyan or Shabbat evening services. Some join for Hebrew School Shabbat dinners or Java Nagila and some come to adult education, musical, fundraising or social events. Many of us regularly join on Shabbat morning and, of course, it was wonderful to see so many on the High Holidays.

These groups come together to form a strong community with different interests, needs, ages and affinities. They are all being met by one congregation. I am glad you are part of this community and I am very happy to also be part of it. I look forward to sharing many experiences this year and for many years to come as we grow stronger as a synagogue and Jewish community.

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 for future bulletins.**

IN MEMORIAM **ב"ה**

Aryeh “Leibl” Berenfeld,
 father of Asaf Berenfeld

Neve Shalom’s Hebrew School
 invites you to

Dinner before Family Services

Friday, Nov. 6— dinner 6 pm, services 7 pm
 Join us for a Dairy Shabbat dinner

\$5 for 1 or 2 people, \$10 for 3 or more

Register by contacting Jeanne Cowhey in the office.

Feel free for adults to bring your own wine to dinner.

Donald and Ruth Kahn Book & Author Event

By Amy Artman, Chairperson

I can't believe that the upcoming Donald and Ruth Kahn Book & Author Event on November 15, 2015 will be the 12th I have served as chairperson. I follow in the auspicious footsteps of both **Sam Friedman**, who created the program twenty two years ago (he will be visiting Neve Shalom again in December as a Shabbat speaker), and **Flora Cowen**, who continues to provide invaluable support. I have also been fortunate to receive generous guidance from Neve Shalom's Adult Education Committee, the help of devoted volunteers on the day of the program, and since 2009, the backing of the Kahn Family who established the Book & Author Fund in memory of their parents, **Don** and **Ruth**, who were avid book lovers, in addition to being active community and Neve Shalom members.

My role as chairperson of the book and author program is not due to any special experience or expertise in publishing or literature; I am simply a passionate reader with strong ties to the Jewish community at Neve Shalom. I maintain a long reading list based on publicity and reviews of books I find in electronic newsletters, blogs and podcasts from the Jewish Book Council, *Tablet Magazine* and other Jewish publications, as well as in *The New York Times* and other secular publications. My aim is to find books with Jewish themes and subjects that are both entertaining and inspiring and that contain both familiar and unfamiliar lives, locations and experiences – whether the genre be fiction, non-fiction, biography or graphic novel.

The Book & Author Event's collaboration with the Library Committee's Book Fair this year is very exciting! I come across many wonderful books whose authors we cannot attract to participate at our program because of their renown (and large speaking fees) or because they live too far away (and our self-sustaining program can only reimburse limited travel expenses). So before and after you hear the authors and buy their books at the Book & Author Event, you can also pick up some of these additional recommended books at the Book Fair. Likewise, if you are a parent of child in Hebrew School or even a Hebrew High student – I invite you to come to the Book & Author Event while you are in the Neve Shalom building on Sunday morning, November 15. The Book Fair is sponsoring the Jewish children's book author **Sandy Lanton** who will be reading to Hebrew School students concurrently with the Book & Author Event, and additionally, one of the panelists will be speaking about her popular young adult novel.

I look forward to seeing all our Book & Author regulars and to meeting new attendees at the Book & Author Event on November 15 in the Neve Shalom sanctuary. There will be free bagels and beverages beginning at 9:30 am in the gym. The panel of four authors will be speaking from 10:00 am to 12 noon, after which you can purchase books and get them personally signed by the authors. The Book Fair will be open in the ballroom before and after the Book & Author Event.



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THE BOOKS ARE COMING!!

Neve Shalom's Library Committee proudly invites you to our 2nd Annual Book Fair!

All brand new Judaic and secular
materials, for adults, teens, and kids

* cookbooks * books in Hebrew * travel * memoirs and more *

- Wednesday, November 11th 8:30 -10am
- Thursday, November 12th 8:30-10am, 5-8pm
- Friday, November 13th 8:30-10am, 12:30-1:30pm
- Sunday, November 15th 8:30am-12:30pm
 - Monday November 16th 6:30-8:30
 - Tuesday, November 17th 3:45-7pm



Please consider volunteering your time to
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For more information, contact Mara McAuley at
(908) 447-0804 or MaraMcAuley@aol.com



Adult Ed News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

Maurice Samuels will be speaking at Neve Shalom on Friday, November 13 at the 7:30 pm service. He will be speaking about “Anti-Semitism in France: Past, Present and Future”.

From the carnage at the Hyper Cacher kosher market in Paris last year to the painting of a swastika on the goddess of French Liberty statue, the signs and actions against Jews in France are troubling and numerous. Endless demonstrations, which include ISIS and Palestinian flags, with mobs chanting “Mort aux Juifs!” (Death to Jews!) can be seen and heard in the cities and suburbs. There were 851 recorded anti-Semitic incidents in France in 2014 according to the Jewish Community Protection Service. On Bastille Day, hundreds of protestors rushed into Paris’ Jew-



ish Quarter stopping in front of synagogues and shouting “Jews get out of France!” or “Hitler was right!”

France has the largest population of Jews in Europe, the third largest in the world (after Israel and the United States). This past year over 7,500 French Jews made Aliyah to Israel. Jews make up less than 1% of the French population but 51% of racist acts in France take place against Jews. Brazen attacks such as the murder of three small children and one adult at point-blank range at the Ozar Hatorah school in Toulouse in 2012 are frightening.

A noted expert on anti-Semitism and France, Maurice Samuels, will be our guest speaker in November. Please join us for this very important and timely topic. We cannot ignore what is happening to Jews in France and should learn more about the subject and see if there is anything we can do to help.

Maurice Samuels is the Betty Jane Anlyan Professor of French at Yale University, where he also directs the Yale Program for the Study of Anti-Semitism. He is the author of *The Spectacular Past: Popular History in Nine-*

teenth-Century France published by Cornell University Press in 2004 and of *Inventing the Israelite Jewish Fiction in Nineteenth-Century France* published by Stanford University Press in 2010.

NOVEMBER 1 FILM

“The Other Son” is a fascinating movie about an Israeli Jewish boy and West Bank Palestinian who are switched at birth in the hospital during an air raid. When it’s time for the Israeli boy to join the army, where his father is an officer, the blood tests show that he is not his parents’ child. The film explores the emotions of these two families, the questions of national and religious identities and the possibilities of understanding each other’s cultures in a very personal way.

The film will be shown at Temple Emanu-El at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 1 and is sponsored by the JCC, Neve Shalom, Beth Mordecai and Temple Emanu-El. We are seeking donors of \$36 each to pay the costs of showing the film and refreshments. There will be no admission fee. Small group discussion will follow the movie.

Ritually Speaking

By Christina Daniels, Vice President, Ritual Committee

As I write this article, we have just completed the Yamim Nora’im: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. By the time you read it, we will have celebrated Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. In a whirlwind, the autumn holidays will be behind us and we will be in ‘Mar’ Cheshvan. Why do we call this month ‘mar’, or bitter? Because it is the only month of the Hebrew calendar with no holidays in it! Now, if you have been doing all the holiday cooking this month, it may not seem so bitter to you!

However, here are some of the great things that happened during Tishrei at Neve Shalom:

We welcomed a wonderful new Rabbi to our congregation, who added his own special touches to our services and gave us some new perspectives to ponder.

We held our traditional services in the sanctuary, brimming with old friends and new ones, as well. We saw families grow and welcomed new generations to worship with us.

We held our Intergenerational Services in the ballroom and drew a delightful crowd of all ages. How enchanting it was to see so many well-behaved tots, enthusiastically carrying (stuffed) Torahs and rapturously watch-

ing the shofar blowing! The teens who attended actively participated, freely joining in discussions and adding their special perspectives. Adults and seniors also found inspiration in this new take on High Holy Day worship. In this service, we learned, we davened, we sang – and we were entertained with a new perspective on the Akedah, the binding of Isaac. These services could not have happened without the fantastic efforts of **Michael Colby, Harold Geller, Miriam Kafker, Michele Rosenfield, Hannah Sessler, and Marc Sessler**. The beauty of it, is that there was something for everyone and the whole family could be together.

I wonder, sometimes, if the congregation knows how many people contribute to making these days we spend together as special as they are. There are big projects and small ones – and many go un-thanked. So please allow me make a short list, and forgive me for those whom I do not call out by name. To our gabbai’im, a hearty Mazel Tov! These dedicated people, **Herb Gary, Elyse Schulman, Eliot Spack, and David Yellin**, make the services run smoothly by always staying one step ahead, by knowing everyone and by guiding us with everything: from petichot to pronun-

ciation. To our Honors Committee, **Eric Goldman** and **Jeff Schulman**, who spend countless hours reaching out to the community and assigning honors, thank you! To USY – thank you for placing machzorim, and the flyers to inform the community, and for giving us all the opportunity to do a final mitzvah of the year with Operation Isaiah. To the Men’s Club, who set up chairs with precision and build us a beautiful sukkah every year, thanks for your hard work! And here is a little known secret... a big thank you to Sisterhood for taking care of us right up to the closing of the gates at the end of Ne’ilah. Every year, with no acknowledgement, Sisterhood buys all of our break fast food and juice, and then preps it between Musaf and Mincha on Yom Kippur.

Thanks to our office and custodial staff who work extra-hard to make sure our holidays are just right. Thank you so much to **Stu Mantel** and the House Committee for making sure our house – our sacred space – was ready for the big annual family gathering, and a deep thank you to every member of the Ritual Committee for your valuable service, contributions and ideas, without which, these very important days would not be nearly as special.



Hebrew School News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin



NEVE SHALOM
Saturday Hebrew School

Friday, November 6

Shabbat Dinner and Family Service starts at 6:00 pm with a delicious dinner for Hebrew School and Nursery School families followed by a ruach (spirit) filled service led by **Rabbi Rosin, Hazzan Levin** and Hebrew School children. RSVP online at <http://neveshalom.shulcloud.com/event/family-shabbat-dinner-november-2015.html>

Sunday, November 15

During the Book & Author Event there will also be a special speaker for Hebrew School age children. We encourage parents to attend that morning and bring a check or credit card to enable your children to purchase books at the Neve Shalom Book Fair.

Saturday, November 21

We are trying an experiment of SATURDAY HEBREW SCHOOL for grades K-7 from 10:00 am to noon. There is NO SCHOOL the next day. Parents are also urged to attend both services and a special discussion of a new book, which parents were given on the first day of school, *No Parent Left Behind*. One of the authors of the book, will speak and facilitate discussion. After noon there is a free kid-

dush lunch for everyone and then till 1:00 pm "Hetzi Z'man" (Half the Time) of fun games for 3rd-7th graders.

Sunday, November 22

No Hebrew School (There is a teacher In-service meeting)

Sunday, November 29

At the Metuchen Winter Parade, Neve Shalom will have a float and we encourage families to march with us that afternoon. (There IS Hebrew School that morning.)

Friday, December 4

Shabbat Dinner and Family Service start at 5:30 pm with a delicious dinner for Hebrew School and Nursery School families with "breakfast foods for dinner". Children should wear pajamas. A spirited service led by Rabbi Rosin, Hazzan Levin and Hebrew School children will follow.. RSVP online at <http://neveshalom.shulcloud.com/event/family-shabbat-dinner-december-2015.html>

**DON'T MISS
OUT!**

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS IN NOVEMBER!

We continue to plan fun ways for children of all ages to engage and explore Shabbat services, plus a variety of ways to share time with their peers within the synagogue every month. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions!! Contact **Debbie Schildkraut**, Vice President, Education at dkestins@gmail.com

- ⊙ **Friday November 6th: Family Service & Shabbat Dinner.** A delicious Shabbat meal is served at 6:00 pm, followed by a lively and fun service at 7pm. Dinner is just \$5 for one or two people; \$10 feeds three or more people in a family.
- ⊙ **November 11th – 17th: Second Annual Book Fair.** Come support this fundraiser to help the Neve Shalom Library. Stock up on gifts for the holiday!
- ⊙ **Sunday, November 13th: Jewish Journey** monthly program continues, 11:00 am to noon, for families with children ages 3-5. The program explores the Jewish holidays through art, music, cooking, stories and games. Contact Martha Mack for registration information at nurseryschool@neveshalom.net
- ⊙ **Saturday, November 21st: Saturday Hebrew School (New! Only 2 times this year), plus "Hetzi Z'man" noon to 1:00 pm.** There is an interactive learning service for families and their children together, held in the Beit Midrash. Special book discussion for parents with the author of *No Parent Left Behind* followed by Hetzi Z'man which includes lunch, fun and games.
- ⊙ **Save-the-date: Sunday, December 6th: Chanukah Fair** from 9-11:00am. Experiencing bits of Hanukkah history through crafts, games, puzzles, food, film, and lots of fun!
- ⊙ **On-going: Shabbat Buddies** is a new program to match up Hebrew School children with our teens. The purpose is to build relationships and promote attendance at Shabbat services. Plus, special desserts will be offered at various Shabbatot for participants. This is a great way to help kids who need that extra incentive. Contact **Wendy Kushner** at whkushner@gmail.com
- ⊙ **On-going: Youth Groups** for school-age children are active throughout the year: Hanoar, Kadima, and USY. Please contact **Stacey Sern** for more information at youth@neveshalom.net



Nursery School News

By Martha Mack, Director

The fun just never ends here at Neve Shalom Nursery School! We held our first Kaballat Tot Shabbat including Shabbat dinner on Friday, October 9. The Nursery School families and staff participated in a brief but meaningful service led by the **Hazzan** and **Mrs. Mack**, consisting of the prayers and Shabbat songs that our children learn in school preceded by a delicious Shabbat meal. It was so wonderful to celebrate Shabbat and get to know each other, a great time was had by all! October was also Fire Prevention Month and the entire school welcomed "Firefighter Phil" who presented his interactive puppet show teaching the importance of fire safety.

We are looking for students to join our Kindergarten Wrap program which currently meets in the afternoons from 11:00 am – 2:30 pm on Mon/Wed/Fri. We offer an exciting enrichment program taught by a certified Kindergarten teacher that reinforces and enhances the public school Kindergarten curriculum in fun and imaginative ways. It is the perfect supplement to half day Kindergarten allowing your child the luxury of additional time to hone their skills in all of the academic areas. If you know of anyone in morning Kindergarten that is looking for an afternoon enrichment class, please let them know about this wonderful program!

Come check out "My Jewish Journey"! If you are a young family looking for inventive and creative ways to bring either the holidays or Jewish values into your home, please join us once a month for our "My Jewish Journey" program! One Sunday morning a month there is a one hour program (11:00 am – 12 noon) designed specifically for young Jewish families to learn, interact, and create together! We explore Jewish holidays and values through art, music, cooking, storytelling, games, and activities designed specifically for you and your preschool aged children).

This year we have both a flourishing "Mommy & Me" and "Just Me" program! "Mommy & Me" meets on Wednesdays from 9:15 am – 10:15 am for infants from 12 – 24 months and their moms/caregivers. Our "Just Me" program meets on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 9:15 am - 11:15 am for the 2 to 2-1/2 year old crowd. If you, or someone you know, is interested in either of these programs or in attending our Nursery School please feel free to have them contact **Martha Mack**, Nursery School Director at 732-548-2238, ext. 17 or nurseryschool@neveshalom.net to arrange for a personal tour of the facility.



Men's Club Minute

By Steven Schneider, Men's Club President

The Neve Shalom Men's Club, while certainly an integral part of Neve Shalom's "One Community", is also an affiliate of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). Many of the programs that we run at Neve Shalom are a direct result of our membership in the FJMC.

The FJMC is an international organization that serves over 25,000 men in 250 clubs. The mission of FJMC is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life and FJMC offers many programs and services to meet that goal. Some of these programs are ones that are familiar such as the World Wide Wrap and the Yom Hashoah Yellow Candles.

Possibly the greatest benefit that we get from FJMC is the ability to get access to programs, events and ideas from other clubs. Every two years at the International Convention (mark your calendars for Summer 2017) the FJMC gives out Torch Awards for the best programs. As part of this award, there is a program fair where the clubs that developed these programs explain what they did, how it benefitted their members, and how other clubs can do the same. In fact, the World Wide Wrap started as a program developed by a single club and is now something that thousands enjoy every February.

Some of the programs that many of you have attended were actually 'stolen' from other clubs. Signature events like the Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah (or whatever the iteration is in a given year) and Touch-downs & Torah (Pizza, Beer & Torah this year) are just a couple of examples.

We also benefit in another way in that we have members of our club that are heavily involved on the regional and international levels of FJMC. We have direct access to the best of the best.

So when you think about our "One Community", consider that we are all part of a much larger community of Men's Clubs all over North America. Our success is due in large part to belonging to FJMC.

Community Conversations Continue!

Your valuable feedback continues to help shape our future. To host or participate, please contact either **Nancy Shlossman** at nshloss@aol.com or at 732-321-4081, or **Debbie Schildkraut** at dkestins@gmail.com or at 732-549-7224.



Called to the Torah

By Flora Cowen

On Saturday, November 7, **Maya Rachel Haiken Solomon** and **Donald Richard Haiken Solomon**, twin children of **Heidi Haiken** and **Alan Solomon**, will be called to the Torah as b'nai mitzvah. Many relatives will be celebrating with Maya and Don on their special day, including **Grandma Denise Solomon** from Atlanta, GA; **Nana Natalie Haiken** from Union; **Grandpa Jack** and **Grandma Sue Haiken** from Bedminster; **Aunt Beth Haiken** and **Uncle Brad**, and first cousins **Bayley** and **Joshua Tanenbaum** from Agoura Hills, CA; **Uncle Milton** and **Aunt Diane Solomon** from Atlanta, GA; and great-aunts, great-uncles, and cousins from GA, PA, and NJ.



Maya and Don are in the 8th grade at Edgar Middle School in Metuchen, where Maya's favorite subjects are math, science, social studies, and music; Don's favorite subjects are art, music, and social studies. Both Maya and Don received several awards for excelling in classes at Edgar Middle School.

Maya and Don participate in many sports, including Tae Kwan Do at the red belt level for Maya, and the cross country team, swim team, and triathlons for Don.

For hobbies and spare time interests, Maya reports that her

hobbies are "fishing, singing, participating in school plays, playing the violin." Maya likes to play clothes design, and make up computer games. She also enjoys helping younger children. In her spare time, she prefers reading and fishing. Maya participated in two fishing derbies and won first place in one of them.



Don's hobbies and interests include Lego, art, running, and swimming. "I like to go to amusement parks and ride roller coasters and I collect sea shells. I play percussion and French horn. I also like computer programming with SCRATCH, and playing the computer games MINECRAFT and SCRATCH. In my spare time, I play Legos and I read." As a Cub Scout, Don won the Pinewood Derby.

Maya and Don are well-traveled! When asked about their travels, they tell us that they have visited many states including California, Connecticut, Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, Virginia, and Washington D.C. They have also traveled outside of the United States to England.

For their mitzvah project, Maya and Don will be collecting and donating "Good Night Moon" board books to high risk infants discharged from University Hospital in Newark, NJ. In addition, they are helping maintain kashrut in the Neve Shalom kitchen, and encouraging recycling there, too.

Weave a Tallit?? You Can Do It!!

You can make a custom tallit for yourself or as a very special gift. No weaving experience needed to produce a beautiful and creative tallit. Even if you have never threaded a needle; even if you never designed anything before. That old saying, "I do not know anything about art, but I know what I like" explains how much art ability you need for this exciting and spiritual activity. And tying the tzitzit? If you can tie your shoes, you can make the fringes on your own tallit!

Neve Shalom Sisterhood is proud to announce the opening of the Tallit Weaving Program. In the anteroom next to Rabbi Zelizer's office, a Loom Room has been established where you can weave a custom tallit, tallit or tefillin bag. No experience necessary!! Volunteers from Neve Shalom Sisterhood will guide you through the process. With our help, you can weave.

This ongoing program is open to the entire community; men and women, boys and girls. For more information, pricing, and to schedule your time on the loom, contact **Cory Schneider** (phone: 717-574-1807; email: corstan65@gmail.com) or **Jennifer Bullock** (phone: 732-906-8565; email: rnjbullock@aol.com).

Remember, you do not have to be crafty, handy or a weaver. Everyone can weave at the Neve Shalom Sisterhood Loom Room!!



MEN'S CLUB WELCOME BACK BBQ



WELCOME new members

**Arie Kremen
and Daphne Benderly**

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What is Torah Fund?

The Torah Fund was created in 1941, and it is a project of Women's League for Conservative Judaism on behalf of The Jewish Theological Seminary. It started as a scholarship fund for JTS students and subsequently new goals were established.

Funds were raised for the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall for undergraduates; for the Goldsmith Hall and Mo'adon for married and graduate students. Torah Fund also enables more than 200 students to live in the immediate vicinity of the Seminary.

The Fund also helps in other areas. It dedicated a sculpture garden at Neve Schechter in Jerusalem where rabbinical and cantorial students study during their year in Israel. It funded planting and outdoor furniture at the Quadrangle where students and faculty congregate. The Torah Fund also established a Financial Aid fund to enable students to pursue their studies.

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Visiting Israel: Making First Hand Connections

By Rebecca Hersch

As a recent Golda Och Academy alumna, and with much thanks to the Suzy Schwartz Memorial Fund Scholarship, I was blessed to conclude my high school experience in Israel. Each senior class is given the opportunity to bookend high school with a trip to Israel. While I had been to Israel before, and had already been on a trip with my school in ninth grade, spending three months in Israel really gave my classmates and me the opportunity to strengthen our connection to the country, before embarking on the next stages of our lives. One of the most memorable experiences of the program was dancing on live Israeli national television as a part of the transitional ceremony between Yom Hazikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut on Har Herzl.

While the majority of us did not consider ourselves to be very skilled dancers, we found ourselves among a group of approximately 250 Israelis learning to do the "hora." When I refer to this dance as the "hora," it must be understood that this dance was far more complicated than any traditional "hora" dance that comes to mind. We spent around six hours a day, for about a week, trying to learn this dance. While we were all unenthusiastic about spending our limited days in Israel dancing in the hot sun, sitting and waiting until it was our time to rehearse and listening to Israeli directors yell at us for our lack of talent. The amount of complaining with which our counselors had to deal was nothing compared to our excitement over getting to perform in the same ceremony as **Dudu Aharon**, a famous Israeli singer, meeting the top hundred Israeli soldiers and simply getting to be the center of what the night was all about.

We watched as the mothers of fallen soldiers from Operation Protective Edge walked yearzeit candles across the stage in memory of their children, we watched as fireworks exploded in the sky, signaling the beginning of Yom HaAtzmaut and we joined the entire country in the singing of Hatikvah. We witnessed this all first-hand. We were at the center of this ceremony. It is much easier to feel connected to Israel, when you can actually be a part of Israel. This feeling would not have been possible if it was not for the Suzy Schwartz Memorial Fund Scholarship.



Sixth Annual Jeff Weinstein Memorial Scholarship for 10th to 12th graders

September 11th changed the way all of us looked at the world. For my dear late husband, **Jeffrey Weinstein**, it was his call to action. He got involved by joining AIPAC - American Israel Political Affairs Committee. We went to many AIPAC events, but the one that Jeff most looked forward to was the annual spring Policy Conference in Washington, DC.



Who Attends the Conference:

- ❖ More than 14,000 pro-Israel Americans
- ❖ More than two-thirds of Congress
- ❖ More than 2,200 students from 491 campuses
- ❖ 260 Geller Student Government Presidents from all 50 states
- ❖ 50 national and state leaders of the College Democrats of America and College Republican National Committee
- ❖ More than 250 Synagogue delegations
- ❖ Jews, Christians, African Americans and Latinos from all 50 states

The AIPAC Policy Conference is the pro-Israel community's preeminent annual gathering. The event attracts more than 14,000 community and student activists from all 50 states, and more than half of the Senate, a third of the House of Representatives and countless Israeli and American policymakers and thought leaders. Over three jam-packed days, Policy Conference participants choose from hundreds of informative sessions and participate in the pro-Israel community's largest and most important advocacy day. What a wonderful sight it is to see thousands of pro Israel activists on Capital Hill lobbying for a strong US Israel relationship through legislation that will directly help Israel.

Jeff would lead the group meeting with our congressman in the 7th district. We would meet the other participants the day before and Jeff would make sure that those who wanted a speaking role got it. He was thrilled when we had students in our sessions. Jeff wanted the students in our group to come away with a positive and empowering experience.

After his early death I wanted to create an appropriate way to honor his life and what he believed in. Every year I sponsor two scholarships to Neve Shalom 10th - 12th graders to attend the AIPAC Policy Conference. This year, AIPAC's Policy Conference is March 20-22, 2016. The scholarship includes the 3 day conference and hotel with other students from across the country, and round trip train tickets to Washington, DC.

In order to be considered for the scholarship please submit to Hazzan Levin a short essay entitled "Why I want to attend the AIPAC Policy Conference" by December 1, 2015. You will be asked to share your Policy Conference experience with the congregation.

By Karen Weinstein

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A THANKSGIVING CONNECTION

By Chef Lon

Three Sisters

The land of Israel was described in Deuteronomy 8:8 as “A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey.” These seven foods have intertwined themselves into Jewish culture over the centuries. Native Americans also lay claim to their own group of foods important to their own culture and survival – maize (corn), beans, and squash. This group of foods is referred to as the three sisters.

They are called the three sisters because of a tale where three sisters in a dream with different skills were able to help each other, just as these three foods help each other when grown together. The strong corn stalks (oldest sister) hold up the beans (youngest sister), the squash (middle sister) helps keep the weeds away, while the beans help to feed the corn and the squash. They formed a perfect symbiotic relationship.

The Origin and History of Corn

Maize, known to Americans as corn, is a large grain indigenous to Central America. Drill cores taken from 200 feet below Mexico City showed corn pollen dating to 80,000 years ago. A 2002 study found that that corn was first domesticated in Mexico around 7500 BCE and gradually began spreading throughout the Americas. Corn eventually made its way to Europe by early explorers to the new world in the early 16th century, and ultimately throughout the rest of the world.

The word “maize” is derived from the word Taino (indigenous people from the Caribbean) word for “plant,” which they pronounced as *maiz*. Maize is known by different names in different parts of the world. However, in many countries corn generally refers to the main cash crop in that particular country or district.

The Lost Tribe of Israel

Because of an old commercial for butter, whenever I think of maize, I make an instant visual connection with Native Americans. The Wampanoag people taught the Pilgrim settlers how to live off the land and survive that first hostile winter. However, there may be much older connections between Native Americans and people from beyond the Great Sea, including the Jewish people – even claims that Native Americans may be decedents of one of the lost tribes of Israel.

At one time the Tribes of Israel were divided into Northern and Southern partitions. In 732 BCE, the Assyrians invaded Northern Israel dispersing the Jews living in that region.

Some of the refugees were absorbed into Southern Israel, but many of the inhabitants were dispersed throughout the world – leading to the speculation that some may have managed to make their way to the Americas.

Evidence?

In the first half of the 19th century, journalist **George Caitlin** travelled around the American frontier studying Native American history and culture. He made several observations comparing the Native Americans and the Jewish people. Some of the similarities he observed were that both groups:

- are monotheistic
- believe they are the favorite of their God;
- had similar customs for worshipping and have similar customs for:
 - * wedding ceremonies
 - * preparing for war and peace
 - * mourning and treating the dead
 - * treatment of women
 - * ceremonies associated with conducting feasts, fasts, and sacrifices.

The claims that the Native Americans were of Jewish descent go back much earlier:

- In 1492, when the Europeans first discovered that the land they were exploring was “New World,” the bible-centric Europeans formulated that these people must be descendants of the Lost Tribes.
- In 1650, **Rabbi Manasseh Ben Israel** published an account of a Jewish explorer named **Montezinos**, who was unable to communicate with a Native American. When he began speaking to a shipmate in Hebrew, the Native American began reciting the *Shema* (שמע ישראל Jewish prayer. Montezinos discovered that other people in this village were not only able to recite the prayer, but many of their customs and rituals were very similar to Judaism.
- In 1775, historian **James Adair** published a book in which he dedicated a large portion of the treatise discussing the similarities between the “Indians” and the Jewish people.
- In 1830, **Joseph Smith**, the founder of the Latter Day Saints, published the *Book of Mormon*. The book details the plight of a Jewish family travelling from

Jerusalem to the Americas at around 600 BCE.

Are Native American’s Circumcised?

Before you go around asking any Native Americans if they are circumcised, most of the evidence of Jews arriving in the Americas prior to Columbus has, for the most part, been disproved. There is evidence of prehistoric man living in the Americas between 13,000 and 15,500 years ago. Given that the Assyrian Diaspora occurred more than 10,000 years after afterwards, it is fair to conclude that all Native Americans are not direct decedents of the Lost Tribes.

However, it is possible that Jews had begun to assimilate into the Native American population beginning in the late 15th century. Columbus had five known *marranos* (forced to convert) on his first voyage to the New World, and there were many more that followed. There is scientific evidence of a genetic connection between some Native Americans and Jews. A study published in 2012 shows a connection in a gene between Ashkenazi Jews and Native Americans from Colorado, where the connection dates back to the 1500s.

For an unabridged version of this article, please visit <https://foodhistoryreligion.wordpress.com/>.

THE RECIPE

For the sake of brevity, I am going to present a very simple recipe for **cornbread** from the 1896 *Fannie Farmer Cookbook*:

Ingredients

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup flour
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Grease an 8 inch square cake pan. Mix the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Add milk, egg, and shortening, and blend well. Spoon into the pan and bake for about 20 minutes. Cool and cut in squares. *Chef Lon*



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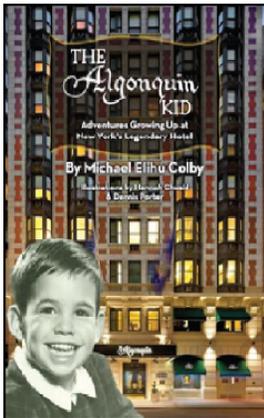
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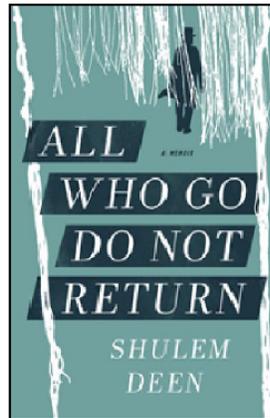
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Michael Elihu Colby
The Algonquin Kid: Adventures Growing Up at New York's Legendary Hotel



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Shulem Deen
All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir



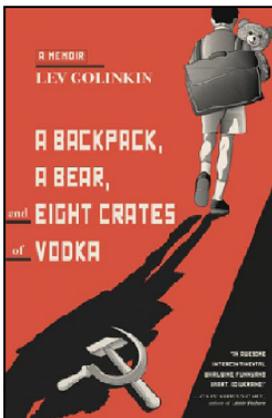
One man's revealing account of growing up a Skver Hasid and his harrowing struggle to reconcile his identity and love for family with his loss of faith. Deen knew little about the outside world until his curiosity led him to the library, TV and internet. His feverish inquiry into his religious beliefs eventually causes his faith to unravel entirely and begins a long struggle to hold on to his five children. An honest and powerful memoir with universal drama and insight.



New This Year

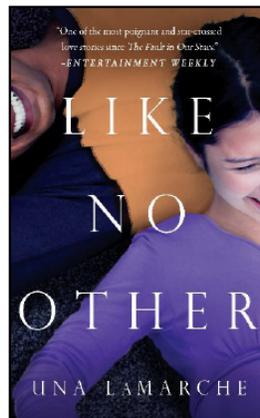
- Drop by the Library Committee Book Fair before and after the Book & Author program to meet your additional book needs. Book Fair runs November 11 - 19 and features fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, picture books, adult titles, and young adult material - both Judaic and secular.
- Reading by Jewish Children's Books author Sandy Lanton for Neve Shalom Hebrew School (and guest children) at 10:30 am. Sponsored by Book Fair.
- The author of a young adult book is a Book & Author panelist. Hebrew HS students are welcome.

Lev Golinkin
A Backpack, A Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka: A Memoir



This is a vivid, darkly comic and compelling tale of two intertwined journeys. It starts with the confusing life of a Jewish child caught in the last gasp of the Soviet Union and his family's flight to freedom. As an American adult, Golinkin then confronts his buried past by returning to Austria and Eastern Europe to find the strangers who made this escape possible. A heartbreaking and witty tale of being lost, found and finding home.

Una LaMarche
Like No Other Young Adult Novel



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CHILDREN AND FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES

Kabbalat Tot Shabbat

Fridays 6:00 p.m. Oct. 9 (includes dinner), 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11, May 13

A short, fun, engaging program with songs, prayers and activities for children of nursery age or in grades 2 or younger, their siblings and parents.

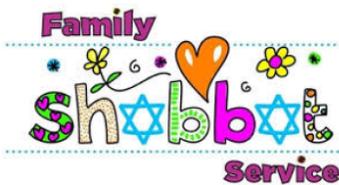


Friday Family Services and Dinners

Friday Dinners at 6:00 p.m., Services at 7:00 p.m. Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Mar. 4, May 6

Friday Dinners at 5:30 p.m., Services at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5,

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Saturday Family Services and Shabbat KEF (After Shul Fun)

Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 24*, Dec. 19, Apr. 16*, May 21*

Learning service led by Nita Polay Levin and sometimes with Rabbi Rosin, with participation from our students and parents.

**Plus Shabbat Kef (After-Shul fun) for grades 3-6 with lunch and games on these dates.*

On Saturdays Nov. 21 and Feb. 27 there will be SATURDAY Hebrew School, "Hetzi Z'man" (Half the time of After Shul Fun) and special parent programs.

On Mar. 12 there will be another "Hetzi Z'man".

Shabbat Kef (fun) runs from noon till 2:30 p.m. Hetzi (half) Z'man (time) runs from noon till 1:30 p.m.

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All teens in grades 8 - 12 are encouraged to be a buddy to a younger Hebrew School student. The purpose is to build relationships between older and younger students, as well as to promote attendance at Shabbat services. Buddies are requested to reach out to their younger counterparts and invite them to attend services more regularly together. We will have occasional Buddy Shabbatot with special desserts for those who attend. Teens who are interested in being buddies should contact Wendy Kushner at whkushner@gmail.com.

TEEN LED SERVICES

Sat., Nov. 14 9:30 a.m. in the Beit Midrash, Fri., Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and DINNER, Sat. Apr. 2 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary), Sat. May 7 Havdalah Hangout



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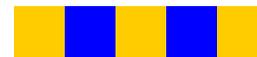
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Neve Shalom Sisterhood Loom Room Open House

Sunday, November 1st
9:00 AM – Noon

Monday, November 16th
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
(prior to Sisterhood event)

See what the excitement is all about. Try your hand at weaving... **It's easy!!** Find out how **YOU** can weave a tallit for yourself or someone special. Learn about the joy of designing and weaving a custom tallit. No experience necessary!!!!

(The Loom Room is upstairs next to Rabbi Zelizer's office.)



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Save the Date
Monday, November 16,
2015

Dinner and more!
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Come join the fun and excitement on

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- Temple members become eligible to win a \$50 Visa gift card if they bring a non-member to the auction!

Admission price is only \$10 per person in advance or \$15 per person at the door.

(Advance price available only thru November 30th...no exceptions!)

Please either log onto shulcloud to make your payment at:

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There will be eight sessions on the following Sunday mornings from 11am – 12pm.

October 18th	November 15th	December 13th	January 10th
February 7th	March 13th	April 10th	May 8th

The cost will be subsidized so that each family pays only \$36 for the entire nine sessions! **Even if you are joining us after the first session, please “jump in” at any time, we can pro-rate your cost!**

Please contact Martha Mack, Nursery School Director at (732) 548-2238 ext 17 or nurseryschool@neveshalom.net if you any additional questions or to sign up your family today!

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Sunday, Nov. 1 2pm

At Temple Emanu-El, 100 James Street, Edison, NJ

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As he prepares to join the Israeli army for his national service, Joseph discovers he is not his parents' biological son, but that he was inadvertently switched at birth with Yassin, the son of a Palestinian family from the West Bank. This revelation turns the lives of these two families upside-down, forcing them to reassess their respective identities, their values and their beliefs.
105 minutes, French with Subtitles

Discussion will follow the film and refreshments will be served.

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1 Eastern Standard Time Rabbi's Class 10 am Midrasha 11 am Hanoar 12 pm Community Film at Temple Emmanuel 2pm	2 Beginning Hebrew 7 pm Sisterhood, USY, Finance Comm and Pizza, Beer & Torah, all at 7:30 pm	3 Ritual Comm 7:45 pm	4 Talmud in English 7 pm	5 Men's Club 7:30 pm	6 Candles 4:31 pm Family Dinner 6 pm Traditional Service 6:30pm Family Service 7 pm	7 Chayei Sarah Donald and Maya Solomon B'nai Mitzvah Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
8 Youth Learning Team 9 am Hearing Men's Voices with Dr. Gary Steinbach 10 am	9 Beginning Hebrew 7 pm Kadima 7:30 pm Pizza, Beer & Torah 7:30 pm	10 Book Fair Setup 12 pm	11 Membership Comm 7:30 pm	12 Rosh Chodesh Fundraising Comm 7:30 pm	13 Rosh Chodesh Candles 4:24 pm Services 7:30pm with guest speaker Maurice Samuels	14 Toldot Teen Service 9:30 am Azi Richman Bar Mitzvah at Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
15 Book and Author Event 9:30 am Children's Authors 9:45 am Hanoar 12 pm	16 Sisterhood Dinner 7 pm Beginning Hebrew 7 pm USY 7:30 pm Pizza, Beer & Torah 7:30 pm	17 Colonia Hadassah 1 pm	18 Book Fair Breakdown 12 pm 55+ Group 1 pm Talmud in English 7 pm	19 Youth Comm 7 pm	20 Candles 4:18 pm Services 6:30 pm	21 Vayeitzei Hebrew School with Hetzi Z'man 9:30 am Mincha/Maariv 4 pm Magical Celebration 8 pm
22 Rabbi's Class 10 am Hazzan's Class 11 am	23 Beginning Hebrew 7 pm Kadima 7:30 pm Pizza, Beer & Torah 7:30 pm	24 House Comm 7 pm Synagogue Board 7:30 pm	25 Nursery School Dismissal 3 pm	26 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	27 Office closed Candles 4:15 pm Services 6:30pm	28 Vayishlach Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
29 Metuchen Winter Parade 1 pm	30 Beginning Hebrew 7 pm USY 7:30 pm Pizza, Beer & Torah 7:30 pm		Service Times Friday evening 6:30 pm Shabbat morning 9:30 am Children's Service 10:15 am Morning Minyan Sundays and Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am Monday and Thursday 6:45 am Rosh Chodesh 6:35 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am			