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NEVE SHALOM

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FROM THE RABBI

By Gerald Zelizer

“One Foot In...One Foot Out..”

What gives with Rosh Hashanah occurring just barely forty-eight hours after Labor Day? Couldn't the Jewish calendar be more convenient? After all, in the first half of the twentieth century, when many Jews still worked on Saturday, the Conservative Movement saw fit to change its primary Sabbath service from Saturday morning to Friday night. Reform Judaism went one step further. In its American origins, it moved the Sabbath to Sunday to better coordinate with the day of rest in the secular calendar. So why can't one hundred rabbis decide this year to postpone Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur a week or two, so that all of us can have a breather after summer? (This is not to speak of the wardrobe conflict – should it be summer or fall - for those who like to parade their finest on the “holidays”?)

I am joking, of course. But maybe I am not. The inconvenience of the timing of “the holidays” this year points to a more constant reality for us Jews – especially those who regard all the “holidays”- as “Holy Days”. That reality is that we Jews always have one foot in, and one foot out, so to speak. When it comes to the beginning of school, fiscal calendars, tax deadlines, and secular holidays, we follow the solar calendar, - one “foot in”. But in our sacred occasions we have one “foot out” of mainstream America as we take our cues from the lunar cycle. The lunar calendar tells us that Rosh Hashanah is right on time this year— the first of Tishrei. So much for our “kvetching” about this calendrical inconvenience.

This calendrical incongruity is but one example of how we American Jews live both in and out. Other examples of our being out of sync with the mainstream are dietary laws; the Sabbath on Saturday not Sunday; absolute monotheism rather than trinity; allegiance to Israel irrespective of our feelings toward particular governmental actions. Even the ethics of Judaism march to a different drummer. For example, in Judaism tzedakah does not mean

charity, motivated, as Christianity teaches, by the goodness of our hearts. The Hebrew word tzedakah comes from the same Hebrew root as justice. Taking care of the poor is not charitable. It is just. It means the restoration of the world to the moral order God intended in the first place.

On the other hand, we cannot practically, as Jews live totally apart from American society, calendars, and rhythms. Sometimes we have to put the other foot in. That is why we synchronize our lunar calendar to the solar seasons. Consider that the lunar calendar is usually twenty-eight days long, sometimes twenty-nine, while the solar calendar averages 30.44 days. If left alone, that means that all our Jewish holidays would consistently slip back, a day or two each month, out of the proper seasons. You think that Rosh Hashanah so soon after Labor Day is weird? How about Rosh Hashanah on July 4th? How about Pesach in the dead of winter? So seven times every nineteen years we push back into the solar calendar, by adding a thirteenth month (Adar II). This shifts the religious holidays forward back into the proper solar seasons. So Rosh Hashanah comes in the fall, Pesach comes in the spring, etc. We put one foot back “in”.

So I invite you to join us at this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as we put one foot “out.” It is the Hebrew New Year not the secular. It is 5774 not 2013. It is our Machzor not a universal prayerbook. We mark the new Hebrew year with prayer, self-reflection and repentance, not parties and raucous noise.

By the way, if you think that Rosh Hashanah one day after Labor Day is odd, how about the first day of Chanukah starting on Thanksgiving? More about that later.

In the meantime l'shana tova tikatevu. I look forward to assisting you with one foot “out”. Maybe my sermons will help a little to do that too. Please see the sidebar for their titles.



**RABBI ZELIZER'S
2013 / 5774
HIGH HOLY DAY
SERMON TITLES**

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day
“From Kvetching to Meaning”

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day
“From Covenant to Kishkes”

Kol Nidre
“Our Sinful Virtues”

Yom Kippur Yizkor
“Thin Places and Thin Moments”

Look for Rabbi Zelizer's cyber thoughts on the synagogue website:
www.neveshalom.net



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NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

Thanks to Our Torah Readers!

This past June, Neve Shalom celebrated the 38th Anniversary of our Torah Reading Program. We wish to thank **Cantor Mordecai Goldstein, z"l**, who was its founder and director for the first 24 years. I have been privileged to help it continue and flourish. Our crew of lay Torah Readers has continued to be a model for other congregations. This year we added 22 new readers. Our cadre of 109 participants includes 46 teens, 53 adults and 10 pre-b'nai mitzvah who read at Jr. Congregation.

We also want to thank **David Pinkowitz** and **Harold Geller** who have helped with the computerized Torah reminder system.

THE FOLLOWING NEVE SHALOM MEMBERS READ:

□ **50 or more Aliyot**

Ronald Becker, Michael Friederwitzer, Mark Rosenfield, Michele Rosenfield, Stephen Traum

□ **25-49 Aliyot:** Lawrence Dombrow, Rosalie Green, Bruce Greenberg, Brett Schildkraut, Stacey Sern

□ **10-24 Aliyot:** *Jake Bullock* (16), Andrea Colby (21), *Benjamin Daniels* (19), Eric Goldman (16), *Jennifer Greenberg* (17), Rena Kallman (15), Sidney Krane (10), *Simon Rosenfield* (10), Debbie Schildkraut (23), Barbara Spack (16), Allen Stern (13), David Yellin (17)

□ **5-9 Aliyot:** Matt Bonus, *Danny Boxer*, *Matthew Daniels*, *Ted Geardino*, Sam Gilbert, *Rachel Hirsch*, Miriam Kafker, Barbara Osofsky, Daniel Rushefsky, *David Schildkraut*, Jeffrey Schulman, Martin Slutzky, Arlene Smith, Lisa Spiegel, *Eric Steinbach*

□ **3-4 Aliyot:** *Emily Binstein*, *Elliot Bonus*, Melissa Boxer, *Scott Boxer*, Jennifer Bullock, Mindy Feldman, *Arielle Kafker*, Audrey Napchen, *Seth Rubinfeld**, *Sophie Rubin**, *Cathy Salamon*, *Sarah Schildkraut**

□ **2 Aliyot:** *Joshua Anes*, *Corey Caplan*, *Scott Greenberg*, *Adam Schlitt*, Elyse Schulman, Haley Schulman, Eric Segal, *Aliza Sessler*, *Hannah Sessler*, Gary Steinbach, Larry Wineberg

□ **1 Aliyah:** *Ariel Bazer**, Asaf Berenfeld*, *Tal Berenfeld**, *Jake Berger**, Tyler Bonus, Marissa Bullock, Steven Colby, Flora Cowen, *Jessica Dobbs**, *Scott Emmer**,

Sandy Fields, Adam Glinn, Elissa Glinn, Jaimee Glinn, *Jeremy Glinn*, *Lance Glinn*, *Max Glinn**, *Rebecca Glinn*, Larry Howitt, *Will Howitt**, *Ben Isler**, David Kallman, *Allie Kashan**, *Matthew Krauze**, Gillian Lewkowicz, *Max Lipschutz**, Milton Miller, *Rachel O'Gorman*, Mindy Paris-Thurer, *Elisa Pinkowitz**, *Andrew Podob*, *Ben Rabinowitz**, Ben Rosenfield, *Daniel Rosenfield*, *Cheryl Schneider**, Steven Schneider, *Whitney Schulman*, Natalie Smith, *Danielle Stein**, *Lexa Steinbach*, *Eitan Szteinbaum**, *Sabrina Szteinbaum*, *Alex Telson**, Ed Thompson, Mel Thor, *Asher Thurer**, *Joshua Ull*

*indicates a new reader, *Teen Readers are in italics*, Jr. Congregation Readers are underlined

THE YAD SQUAD

We thank the Neve Shalom Men's Club and National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for awarding the following teens the "Yad L'Chai" award for completing 18 or more Torah readings. These names are in addition to those who have received their *Yad* in previous years: **Elliot Bonus**, **Danny Boxer**, **Benjamin Daniels**, **Sharon Friederwitzer**, **Rachel Hirsch**.

The "Cantor Mordecai Goldstein" Torah Reading Plaque in our lobby lists Torah Readers who have chanted 50 or more portions. The following were added to the 50 or more readings section: **Jennifer Bullock**, **Matthew Daniels**, **Mindy Paris-Thurer** and **Debbie Schildkraut**. **Marty Slutzky** was moved to over 250 readings and **Michelle Rosenfield** now has over 500 readings.

We thank everyone who participates in leading services, chanting Torah, Haftarat and Megillot, sings the Ashrei, is a Gabbai or does the many things that makes the services at Neve Shalom so wonderful.



IN MEMORIAM ביה

Leonard Bloom
 father of Jennine Shpigel

Abraham Winograd
 our member

Irving Spiegel
 our member
 and husband of Judith Spiegel

Irving Shatten
 father of Ken Shatten

Ina Grossman
 our member
 and wife of Sidney Grossman

President's Message

By Nancy Shlossman

As we enter the year 5774 at Neve Shalom, we as a group and as individuals, are given the opportunity to make the new year different and better than the year before. What does this year hold for all of us and each of us?

About two years ago, one of the first things **Audrey Napchen** did as president of our synagogue was to establish the Long Range Planning Committee. This group is charged with assessing the needs of the congregation, and to set a course of action to ensure the vitality and future of the synagogue. This committee has been working diligently in the process of getting our "house" in order both financially and physically. So what are the needs of the congregation? My honest answer is we do not completely know. In past years the synagogue administration has acted on information shared by those involved on the board or committees. That is not good enough. The Long Range Planning Committee has set a goal of inviting every synagogue member to attend a "Community Conversation". Some of you have shared your valuable information and insight at one of these small groups, in home meetings with your friends and neighbors in the last several months. We need and want more conversations to truly succeed in making the best one, two, and five year plans to meet your needs. Make this the year your voice IS heard by contacting: **Debbie Schildkraut** at 732-549-7224 or dkestins@yahoo.com; **Rena Kallman** at 732-549-0879 or renakallman@gmail.com; or **Benna Brodsky-Thompson** at 732-662-3324 or benna.brodsky@gmail.com. L'shanah

MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Stu Mantel, Men's Club President



L'shanah tovah techatemu v' tikatevu. Welcome back to a new year and even more reasons to be actively involved in your Men's Club.

This is the start of my second go-round as club president. Kol ha kavod to **Matt Bonus**, who now assumes the coveted role of past president and advisor. It is my pleasure to announce that Matt will be the recipient of the Neve Shalom Men's Club, "*Morty Fields Man of the Year Award*". It is appropriate that Matt will be the inaugural recipient of this honor, named in the memory of a friend, past Man of the Year honoree, and stalwart of our congregation for many years. This November, we will be honoring Matt, along with our Youth of the Year (to be named later), at the Northern New Jersey Region's Man of the Year Dinner at The Grand Marquis. Dates and more details to follow.

Last year was a banner year for the Men's Club. With Matt at the helm, we sponsored many successful events and programs. One result of those successes was recognition by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs as an FJMC Quality Club for 2012-13. This is the 6th year that we have been honored as a Quality Club. Before becoming club president, I had to promise that I would carry on the tradition of top notch programming and service to our community.

To fulfill that promise, this coming year, we are planning many exciting events, some continuing from last year and some new programs as well. The highlights include:

- > *High Holiday Setup*, will start with the chair setup on September 1. The next week, September 8, we will be erecting the sukkah and on September 15, we will be gathering to put away the chairs and machzorim. Each of these will start about 8:00 AM. If you are available, even if it is only for a short time, come on down we can always use the help. The club will be providing bagels and coffee.
- > If you aren't able to come to help with the setup, you must come to the party. On September 22 we will be hosting *Sushi and Sake in the Sukkah*. If you enjoy sake or if you have never tasted it before, join us, you will learn about sake and its many varieties. If you don't like sushi, we will be serving alternatives as well. Details to follow.
- > On October 27 we will witness the return of the *Chili Cook-off*. If you would like to compete, let us know. If you would like to sample some of the best chili in the area, and vote for your favorite, make it a point to attend. Even if it's only to see if last year's champions, **Jennifer Bullock** and **Nancy Shlossman**, can repeat their performance and retain the crown.
- > This fall, will be the fourth year for our *Touchdowns and Torah* program. Join us for pizza and lively discussion of Torah. Then we break to watch some Monday night football. This program is free and open to all adults. Reservations are not necessary but if you can, let us know you're coming, so we can better guess how much food to bring in. Check the web site and the NEVE NOW e-mails for dates and times.
- > Also coming up are a *Hearing Men's Voices Breakfast*, our annual *Founders Breakfast*, and the *14th Annual World Wide Wrap*. I will share more information as we get closer to the dates.

Don't just sit on the sidelines! There is always room at our table. If there is something, you would like to see us doing, tell us. If we have a program that interests you, let me know. Our meetings are usually the first Thursday of each month and are open to all members (current and prospective). No reservations necessary.

I can always be reached at mensclub@neveshalom.net.

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One who lends money is greater than one who performs charity, and one who forms a partnership is greater than all.

- Talmud Shabbat 63a.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Debbie Kestin-Schildkraut,
Vice President, Membership Committee

L'shanah tovah, and wishing all of you a sweet and wonderful New Year! We have some exciting membership updates, as we strive to continuously welcome your feedback and enhance your membership experience within our Neve Shalom community.

- ▣ **Open House on Sunday morning Sept 1: Pick up your Tickets and Bring Prospective Members:** We'll be busy setting up for the High Holidays on September 1, and we want to be busy greeting you and prospective members too! The Rabbi and Cantor will be happy to greet everyone. Find out more about the exciting things happening at our synagogue this year. We want to ensure people learn about our energetic youth and adult programs, and special offers.
- ▣ **All our welcome to join us for the High Holidays!**
 - Free High Holiday tickets for college students (student ID and reservation required)
 - Free High Holiday reciprocity tickets: if you belong to a synagogue elsewhere, but are visiting family/friends locally, please join us!
 - Join us as our guests for the second day of Rosh Hashanah – September 6.
 - Open Yizkor Community Memorial Service at 1:30 on September 14.

Reservations are required for all guest passes. Contact our office in advance.

▣ **Check-out the new Neve Shalom website!!!** Visit www.neveshalom.net and see the new look of Neve Shalom! You'll find a beautiful and colorful website, capturing a wide range of programming and events from all aspects of our shul. There is a wide range of information and things you need right at your fingertips: Hebrew School registration forms, synagogue calendar, information about youth groups, adult education, Nursery School and so much more. Plus, there are lots of fun photos! Many thanks TO the Membership/Website Committee (**Lynn Sessler, David Pinkowitz, Lauren Rabinowitz, Debbie Schildkraut, Jamie Grubman**) for the hard work, dedication and time involved in creating this beautiful website!

▣ **New Membership Directory!** A brand new Neve Shalom Membership Directory was delivered to your door during the month of July or early August. Many thanks for the beautiful cover art provided by **Lauren Rabinowitz**, and special thanks to **Martha Mack, Jamie Grubman** and other members of the Membership Committee for all their efforts on this project! Many thanks to **David Yellin** and our delivery teams as well! I couldn't have made this happen without this great team. Check out the ads in the back of the Directory, and support fellow congregants and community members who supported our important project.

▣ **Reminder! Community Conversations - we want to hear from everyone!** Since early this year, we have been scheduling Community Conversations and set a goal of reaching out to every synagogue member to host if possible, but certainly to participate in one of these parlor meetings. Some of you have shared your valuable information and insight at one of these small group, in home meetings with your friends and neighbors in the last several months. We need and want more conversations to truly succeed in hearing your valuable input and feedback to make the best future plans to meet your needs. Make this the year your voice is heard by contacting: **Debbie Schildkraut** at 732-549-7224 or dkestins@yahoo.com; **Rena Kallman** at 732-549-0879 or renakallman@gmail.com; or **Benna Brodsky-Thompson** at 732-662-3324 or benna.brodsky@gmail.com.

▣ **Library Committee:** Last but not least, the Membership Committee has a sub-committee focused on rejuvenating our synagogue library. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at dkestins@yahoo.com

Looking forward to a wonderful year together.



WHAT'S NEW IN NURSERY SCHOOL?

By Martha Mack, Director

Well it's hard to believe, but the summer is almost over and here we are getting ready for back to school. Welcome to both returning and new Neve Shalom Nursery School families, we hope you have all enjoyed your summer vacation!

We are so excited to be entering our first year of extended day programming, serving children ages 2-1/2 to 5 years old from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Our school day will be chock full of fun and exciting activities in addition to the classroom learning experiences that are just waiting for each child to discover. We are also very pleased to be offering our Kindergarten Before/After School Program for those children attending half-day Kindergarten in the public schools.

Please make sure to visit our page on the new neveshalom.net website, it will be filled with up to date information regarding nursery school events and programming. In addition, the nursery school families can now download all important forms and documents directly from the website at their convenience.

We also offer our "Mommy & Me" and "Just Me" programs, for ages 18 months to 2-1/2 years old, which are weekly classes that meet on Monday mornings. If you are interested in registering your child, or have any questions regarding these wonderful programs for our littlest ones, please contact **Martha Mack**, Director, at nurseryschool@neveshalom.net for more information.



HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

Starting September 2013, the 3rd-6th grades will meet Sundays from 9:00 am to noon and Tuesdays from 4:15 pm to 6:00 pm. They will not meet on Thursdays, though after the holidays we may try a drop-in learning program. To help replace the missing day, online activities and other homework will be regularly assigned. We will also increase the number of Sundays by having class on some weekends (such as NJ Educators Convention, Thanksgiving and Martin Luther King weekends) where we have not done so in the past.

You can find the entire schedule in the new Parent Handbook and the calendar on the Neve Shalom website under "Learning".

Most of our classes are changing their names. To help avoid confusion, whenever possible this year, we will list both the Hebrew name and the public school grade. For example, Aleph will be 1st grade, 4th grade is now Daled and 7th grade will be Zion. The Hebrew names match their numerical equivalent in the Hebrew alphabet.

Seventh grade and Hebrew High will continue on Tuesday evenings and then Zion (7th grade) class will also meet on Thursday afternoons. Kindergarten and 1st grades will attend

on Sunday mornings (for two hours) and 2nd grade will attend Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons with optional online enrichment. We are planning "extra" activities for K-2nd graders from 11:00 am to noon if parents wish to pay for additional activities and snacks. We have completely rewritten the curricula which can be found on the Neve Shalom website under "Learning".

To augment the classroom work, grades 2 through 6 will have online learning components for Hebrew and Prayer. If parents of those grades did not receive information about logging onto the Behrman House Online Learning Center, please contact the Hazzan ASAP.

There will be trips in October to the zoo and Natural History Museum. There will be special Chanukah activities, including a visit to a nursing home. There will be an amazing Bible Family Fun Day on December 22 at Neve Shalom, sponsored by Federation, featuring the very funny "Bible Players" and many other educational and enjoyable programs.

We look forward to a great year with Bible as our focused theme and thank you for selecting Neve Shalom to help educate your children. Shana tova! Have a good year!



Congregation
Neve Shalom



Highland Park Conservative
Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth



Jewish Federation
of Greater Metropolitan Area

Invite you to join us at our

Family Fun Day!



On Sunday, September 29th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm
at Donaldson Park in Highland Park, NJ

Welcoming you and your family to a fun family picnic! There will be lots of exciting activities and games for all ages in addition to a delicious kosher picnic complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and all the fixings!

Come join us for this fun-filled afternoon for the whole family....it's free!



Family Milestones

STEPHANIE LAMPF,
DAUGHTER OF MARK AND SHELLEY
LAMPF BECAME ENGAGED
TO DANIEL KENNEDY



Native Son Becomes Jersey City Mayor



Steven Fulop, son of Neve Shalom members **Carmen and Arthur Fulop**, was sworn in as mayor of Jersey City this past July. A former trader at Goldman Sachs, the 36-year-old took a leave to serve in the Marine Corps after 9-11 and upon his return from Iraq worked his way up as a city councilman, helping to organize community groups and crusading for better schools and stronger ethics laws.

Since his election, Mr. Fulop has held meetings with residents, urging them to communicate what they most want from City Hall.

Rabbi Zelizer remembers Steven as a regular attendant at services along with his parents and grandparents. We congratulate him on his election and wish him luck in implementing his plans for Jersey City.




Please join us for

Kaballat Tot Shabbat

on

Friday, September 20th at 6:30 pm

A brief but meaningful musical Shabbat service specifically designed for young children and their families led by the Hazzan and Mrs. Mack.

We invite the Nursery School, Gan, and First Grade Hebrew School families to join us!

Sweet treats to follow, we look forward to seeing you there!





ADULT ED NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

On Friday night, October 18 at the 7:30 pm service, **Professor Ben Dworkin** of Rider University will speak about the upcoming New Jersey gubernatorial elections.



Ben Dworkin (BA Politics - Princeton 1990, MA Political Science - Rutgers/Egleton Institute of Politics 1992, Currently Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Rutgers) is the Director of the Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science at Rider University. A veteran of New Jersey politics, he has extensive experience in campaigns and elections, government and legislation, lobbying and issue advocacy, as well as teaching and media relations. He has been frequently quoted by major newspapers including the Philadelphia Inquirer, Star-Ledger, Press of Atlantic City, Asbury Park Press, the Home News-Tribune and others. He is also a frequent guest on NJ12's "Power & Politics" television news program.

DONALD AND RUTH KAHN BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENT

This event will take place on Sunday, October 20 with refreshments at 9:30 am and authors of several recent publications speaking at 10:00 am. Books will be available for purchase and signing afterwards. **Amy Artman**, the chairperson, is finding interesting books on Jewish themes which we know you will enjoy reading. Please join us for this free program.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Save December 6 and 7 for this year's very special Scholar weekend. **Rabbi Burt Visotzky** of the Jewish Theological Seminary will speak about "Making the Bible a Timeless Text". Talk titles include: "Bible: The Word of God or Hand of Moses," "Scripture and Its Interpretation: Continuing Revelation" and "The Sins of Sodom are Not What You Think." Dr. Visotzky has been featured on PBS television explaining the Bible so everyone can understand it and find it engaging. He has written numerous books and articles and lectured or taught at universities throughout the world.

A catered dinner on Friday night will be available for those who make reservations and this year lunch will be the regular Kiddush Kitty repast though we would appreciate contributions to the Kiddush Kitty Fund so we can provide food to all who attend. We especially hope to add more people to be sponsors of this weekend at \$150 person. This amount will include the Friday night dinner and no additional charge for any Adult Ed class or program throughout the school year. Look for the reservation form in the Programming Booklet on the Neve Shalom website or the one you receive on the High Holidays.

CLASSES

Rabbi Zelizer will teach "Religion and Judaism: Serving God or Enhancing One's Life?" on Sundays at 10:00 am starting October 6. **Bruce Greenberg** will teach "Beginner's Hebrew" on Monday evenings starting October 7. **Hazzan Levin** will teach about "Great Jewish Debates" on Thursdays starting October 10 at 7:00 pm. The Men's Club will host "Touchdowns and Torah" on Monday evenings. Please register for the classes and join us at Neve Shalom for many opportunities to learn and grow Jewishly together.

Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah in the month of June:
T=Teen, JR=Junior



- Jacob Anes T 1
- Joshua Anes T 1
- Ronald Becker 9
- Andrea Colby 2
- Benjamin Daniels T 2
- Matthew Daniels T 1
- Evan Derector T 4
- Lawrence Dombrow 5
- Michael Friederwitzer 5
- Sam Gilbert 1
- Eric Goldman 1
- Rosalie Green 2
- Bruce Greenberg 1
- Arielle Kafker T 1
- Miriam Kafker 2
- Milton Miller 1
- Ilana Rosen T 1
- Marilyn Rosen 1
- Rachel Rosen T 1
- Mark Rosenfield 14
- Michele Rosenfield 11
- Daniel Rushefsky 2
- Brett Schildkraut 2
- David Schildkraut T 5
- Debbie Schildkraut 2
- Stephen Traum 5

Haftarah

- Jacob Anes T
- Andrea Colby
- Evan Derector T
- Ilana Rosen T
- Seymour Tabak

Ashrei

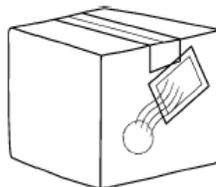
- Jacob Anes T
- Evan Derector T
- Rachel Rosen T





Send the Holidays to Your College Student

What does it mean to "Send the Holidays" to my child?
 Neve Shalom has a long-standing tradition of maintaining contact with our members' college-age children who live away from home. Each year we send two packages full of treats timed to coincide with Jewish festivals, usually Rosh Hashana, Chanukah, Purim or Passover. The recipients often tell us that they look forward to these packages which remind them of their connection to Neve Shalom and the Jewish community.



What does it cost?
 It's free for the children of Neve Shalom members.
Will you send a package if my child isn't in college?
 We'll be happy to send a package to the child of any member who lives away from home in the continental United States during the four years following high school graduation no matter what they are doing.

Will you send a package to my grandchild or some other relative or friend?
 For a fee of \$30, we'll send two packages during the year to anyone you'd like. We'll put a card in the package so they'll know it's from you.

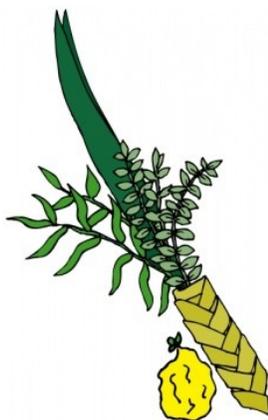
How do I sign up my child?
 Just fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return it to the Neve Shalom office no later than September 7th.

Saturday night, August 31	
Selichot Service	8:30 pm
Wednesday, September 4	
First Night, Rosh Hashanah	6:30 pm
Thursday, September 5	
First Day, Rosh Hashanah	8:30 am
Mincha-Maariv	6:30 pm
Friday, September 6	
Second Day, Rosh Hashanah	8:30 am
Friday, September 13	
Mincha	6:30 pm
Kol Nidre	6:45 pm
Saturday, September 14	
Yom Kippur Day	9:00 am
Martyrology; Sermon;	
Yizkor	1:30–2:45 pm
Mincha	5:15 pm
Neilah	6:45 pm
Shofar	7:52 pm

Recipient's name: _____
 Address where recipient can receive packages via the U.S. Postal Service:

 Will recipient be studying abroad this year? 1st Semester 2nd Semester
 Does recipient have food allergies (if so, please specify)? _____
 _____ Enclosed is a voluntary contribution to help support this project
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Sukkot Holiday Schedule – 2013/5774



September 18	Erev Sukkot (Mincha/Maariv)	6:30 pm
September 19	Sukkot – First Day Mincha / Maariv	9:30 am 6:30 pm
September 20	Sukkot – Second Day	9:30 am
September 21	Shabbat Morning Service Hol Hamoed Mincha/Maariv	9:30 am 6:15 pm
September 22	Morning Service Hol Hamoed	9:00 am
September 23	Morning Service Hol Hamoed	6:35 am
September 24	Shabbat Morning	6:30 am
September 25	Morning Service Hoshana Rabba	6:15 am
September 25	Erev Shemini Atzeret & Memorial Service	8:00 pm
September 26	Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Service	9:30 am
September 26	Simchat Torah Evening Service — Maariv Hakafot (marching with Torah)	6:45 pm 7:00 pm
September 27	Simchat Torah	9:30 am

NEVE SHALOM BESTOWS SIMCHAT TORAH HONORS



One of the highlights of the Jewish calendar is Simchat Torah where we complete the annual cycle of Torah readings by reading the end of Deuteronomy and we begin a new cycle by reading the beginning of Genesis. The celebration includes hakafot (marching around with the Torahs), singing and dancing. Aliyot are offered to the entire congregation and children are called as a group for a special aliyah.

The aliyot for the last portion of Deuteronomy and the first portion of Genesis are considered great honors. This year, at the evening service on Thursday, September 26 and at the morning service on Friday, September 27, we will honor **Ron Becker** as Chatan Torah and **Rena Kallman** as Kallat Bereshit.

The word Chatan means bridegroom and the word Kallah means bride. These individuals are considered to be permanently linked in love to the Torah whose reading is finished and begun again. Please join us at services to honor the Torah and these individuals who have made significant contributions to our synagogue community. The entire congregation is invited to Neve Shalom's traditional stuffed cabbage lunch following the Tuesday morning service.



Ron Becker

Any person who has been exposed to the ritual life at Neve Shalom has certainly encountered **Ron Becker**. For 30+ years, in a quiet, unassuming manner, Ron has found a variety of avenues to serve the congregants—be it at morning minyan, a shiva minyan or during regular services. Never seeking the limelight or any formal recognition, Ron always exhibits the essence of dedication and “gemilut chasadim”—personal practice of kindness. His upbringing on a poultry farm in Vine-land imbued in him a solid commitment to hard work and loyalty to family. He brought those values with him when he and his wife, Chris, moved to our community in the early 80's. His faculty appointment at Rutgers University Libraries brought him to the arena of special collections and archives. Ron's attachment to the

history of the Jews of New Jersey has inspired many years of research and our synagogue has benefitted from this knowledge via lectures and adult education classes Ron has offered.

Ron has also served in several leadership roles including Vice President for Ritual and Men's Club President. He also served in regional leadership positions for the NJ Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. For over a decade Ron has served as our Bulletin Calendar Editor. For many years Ron also volunteered to serve as our USY Basketball Team's coach.

Ron is a regular davener at services as well as a frequent reader of Torah (sometimes with limited advance notice) and Haftarah. He takes responsibility for organizing our shiva minyanim and for assigning minyan leaders. One cannot think of ritual life at Neve Shalom without identifying Ron Becker as a primary enabler of that arena. This year we take great delight in declaring Ron Becker to be our Chatan Torah.



Rena Kallman

For Simchat Torah 5774, Neve Shalom is pleased to honor **Rena Kallman** as Kallat Bereshit. Rena is a long-standing member of Neve Shalom. Her husband of nearly 40 years, **David Kallman**, attended Hebrew High at Neve Shalom, and so it was David's parents who encouraged the young couple to join Neve Shalom. They moved to Metuchen and joined the synagogue in 1982 when their oldest son was one year old. They raised their three sons, **Josh**, **Dan** and **Seth**, in our synagogue and have celebrated many a simcha at Neve Shalom – as they continue to do when Dan and his wife, Ava, return for the baby-naming of the first Kallman grandchild, Niki, in August.

Many people do not know that Rena,

who had an established graphic business, was the designer of Neve Shalom's first website. She was the webmaster from 1997 until 2000. Rena confides that she is pleased with the new, fresh website and glad that there are people working together on keeping the website updated.

Over the years, Rena has had her hands in many projects to promote both the synagogue itself and the causes Neve Shalom embraces. In 2004, Rena was approached to help with a poster for the Suzy Schwartz concert. Soon after, Rena joined the committee as a full-fledged member and has continued ever since. She rose to the position of co-chair in 2009, and continues as the chair to this day.

Rena is a regular Shabbat morning davener. She reads Torah frequently enough to have made the 500+ category on Cantor Goldstein's Torah Reader's Plaque. Rena also chants a beautiful

Haftarah and reads Megillah on the Chagim. However, she will joyfully tell anyone that she and David adore the Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv service. It is their favorite service and they have celebrated many happy occasions at that service, including their 30th wedding anniversary.

Rena's current Neve Shalom project is near and dear to her heart. She is a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, and as such is currently co-managing the “Community Conversations”, in which all of the members of our congregation are invited to participate and offer their own thoughts on our future goals and wishes. Rena says that she and David “can't imagine living anywhere else” and that the drive for her focus on this committee is to ensure that “Neve Shalom is just around the corner” for the generations to come as it has been for her family.

We wish Rena a hearty mazel tov on this well-deserved honor!



Congregant Q&A

The Shlossman Family



This month...get to know more about our members: **The Shlossmans: Nancy, Stuart, Lauren, Jason** and their new puppy Cole.

As we enter a brand new year, I thought it would be fun for us to all learn a little more about our brand new synagogue president and her family. We welcome Nancy Shlossman to her new role! She and Stu have been very active in our synagogue and the community at large. They are deeply caring people, and most of you should recognize their sweet smiling faces, as Nancy and Stu have been greeting people and welcoming them as they enter services on Shabbat morning.

If you haven't already met them while they've been ushering, or through Sisterhood, or Men's Club, Thursday night phone calls, or from the bima, we hope you can get to know them a little more from this interview.

How long have you been members of Neve Shalom? Since 1986 -- 27 years.

What made you join Neve Shalom? Everyone was so friendly - it felt like we belonged here. We didn't know about Neve Shalom until we moved to Metuchen. We were hoping to start a family so we began our search to join a synagogue. While we checked out other synagogues in the area, when we went to Neve Shalom, it just felt right.

What do you like best about Neve Shalom? The many opportunities we have to find our niche for involvement in the synagogue. One activity that stands out is the Rabbi's Sunday adult education class, which we find very interesting. We also really enjoy the Adult Education speaker programs, and we are both very involved in Men's Club and Sisterhood.

Where are you each from originally? Nancy was born and raised in Miami, Florida, and Stuart was born and raised in New Jersey (Iselin and then Millburn). He remembers when Menlo Park Mall was an outdoor mall, and can still "taste" the food at Tabatchnik's.

Tell us about your professions? Nancy is a nurse case manager for children in foster care. Knowing Nancy, she is a warm and caring support system for children going through difficult times. Stuart is an independent consultant, with expertise in the art of buying and selling. He is a natural teacher, as he works with sales people and

buyers at mostly large companies to enhance their skills.

What are your hobbies and interests? Nancy likes to spend time in the garden, and likes the challenge of creating a shade garden with many kinds of flowers. Stuart is involved with the FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs) and the NY Giants. Both are in love with the newest family addition, Cole, a black Labrador puppy.

What is something that people may not know about you? Nancy and Stuart met while working at an Animal Hospital in Miami. Nancy worked there part-time in the summer before college. Stuart originally wanted to be a veterinarian so he took a job there as well. Stuart recalls the first words Nancy said to him: "Take out the garbage." They then took a class together - Chemistry 101... and then realized they had some chemistry of their own!

After attending Miami Dade Junior College, and then the University of Florida at Gainesville, they headed to NYC. Stuart proposed to Nancy at Tavern on the Green.

Another factoid: Stuart was a member of Beth Shalom in Iselin which merged with Adath Israel which merged with Neve Shalom, so it is as if Stuart has been a member here since 1960.

Favorite overall adventure: We went to New Orleans for a day to see Elton John perform at the "House of Blues" (MTV Show).

Our favorite Jewish memory: Pat Morita (of "Karate Kid" and "Baywatch" fame) wished our daughter Lauren a happy bat mitzvah on video.

Most serious/meaningful Jewish moment: Lauren's naming and Jason's bris.

Any vision you want to share or "wishes" to express regarding your presidency? I hope to improve the membership experience of the current members of Neve Shalom. I'd like everyone to feel welcome, no matter what their background. I want everyone to feel what I feel about Neve Shalom...and will be exploring ways to help people feel that.

Interview by Debbie Kestin-Schildkraut, Vice President, Membership Committee

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Pre-bat/bar mitzvah children whose birthdays fall in September will join us on September 7 for a special blessing from the Rabbi and a celebratory kiddush following services. We wish a joyful mazel tov to the following children and their families:

- Marissa Buchholz
- Joey Geardino
- Spencer Geardino
- Sarah Krauze
- Ariella Kushner
- Dayah Sokolov
- Donald Solomon
- Maya Solomon

Dear Congregant,

Neve Shalom is delighted to be hosting the Regional USY Leadership Training Shabbaton (LTI) the weekend of October 25-27, 2013. As you may know, USY is the nationwide Conservative Jewish youth group for ninth to twelfth graders. Approximately 140 teenagers who are leaders in USY from all over Northern and Central New Jersey will be gathering in Metuchen for a weekend of prayer, study and fun.

The Youth Committee is looking for families able to host at least two visiting USYers members from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning. The host family would need to provide a cold, dairy breakfast on Saturday morning. All other meals will be provided at the synagogue. The USYers will bring sleeping bags and pillows.

The host family would need to bring the USYers back and forth to the synagogue over the course of the weekend. If you are interested in hosting USYers but some part of the schedule presents a problem, please speak to me to see if we can make accommodations. An approximate schedule follows:

Friday

- 3:30 p.m. – Pickup USYers at Neve Shalom and bring home with luggage
- 5:15 p.m. – Return to Neve Shalom
- 9:30 - 10:00 p.m. – Pickup from Neve Shalom

Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. – Bring USYers to Neve Shalom
- 6:30 p.m. – Pickup from Neve Shalom
- 8:00 p.m. – Return to Neve Shalom for evening program
- 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. – Pickup from Neve Shalom

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. – Bring USYers to Neve Shalom with luggage

If you have any questions about the Shabbaton, please feel free to contact me.

Stacey Sern
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Chag sameach from **Arielle Kafker** and **Eric Steinbach**, your Metuchen USY co-presidents. We want to tell you how excited we are about this upcoming year in USY! USY is a youth group here at Neve Shalom for high schoolers, while Kadima is for middle schoolers, and Hanoar is for fourth and fifth graders. They are great places to meet other young Jews, be yourself, and eat lots of delicious food. Our best friends were made in USY, and we have discovered a lot about our Jewish identities here. Feel free to contact our chapter advisor **Penina Mark** at peninasm@gmail.com for more information. Enjoy the holidays, and have a safe and easy fast.

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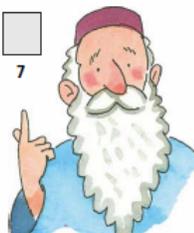
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2. The T _ R _ tells us how our ancestors celebrated Sukkot.
3. We decorate our sukkah with _ UI _ S and vegetables.
4. A _ U _ _ is made from branches of palm, myrtle, and willow trees.
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 High HolyDay Chair Set-up 8-11 am Open House 9 am	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 Nursery Comm 9 am Choir 7:30 pm	4 Erev Rosh Hashanah Office closes 2 pm Services 6:30 pm	5 Rosh Hashanah Office Closed Services 8:30am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm	6 Rosh Hashanah Office Closed Services 8:30am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm Candles 7:04 pm	7 Ha-azinu Shabbat Shuva Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm
8 Fast of Gedaliah Sukkah set-up Hebrew School Begins-Parent Assembly 9 am Adult Ed Comm 10 am USY 12 pm	9 Nursery School Begins 9 am Finance Comm 7:30 pm Sisterhood 7:30 pm	10 Nursery Parent Orientation 7 pm Ritual Comm 7:45 pm	11 Membership Comm 7:30 pm	12 Choir 7:30 pm Men's Club 7:45 pm	13 Erev Yom Kippur No Nursery School Office closes 2 pm Candles 6:52 pm Mincha 6:30 pm Kol Nidrei 6:45 pm	14 Yom Kippur Services 9:30am Mincha/Neila/ Maariv 5:15pm
15 High Holy Day Chair Removal 8-11 am Hanoar 12 pm USY 12 pm	16 Kadima 7:30 pm	17 Hebrew High Begins 6 pm	18 Erev Sukkot Office closes 2 pm Services 6:30 pm	19 Sukkot Office Closed No Nursery or Hebrew School Services 9:30 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm	20 Sukkot Office Closed No Nursery Services 9:30 am Candles 6:40 pm Kabbalat Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm	21 Chol Hamoed Children's Service Mincha/Maariv 6:15 pm
22 Chol Hamoed Family Lunch 12 pm Sushi and Sake In the Sukkah 6 pm	23 Chol Hamoed USY 7:30 pm	24 Chol Hamoed Hebrew High Pizza in the Sukkah 6 pm House Comm 7 pm Synagogue Board 7:30 pm Tikkun Olam 7:30 pm	25 Hoshana Rabba Office closes 2 pm Services 8 pm Includes Memorial Service	26 Shemini Atzeret Office Closed No Hebrew or Nursery School Services 9:30am Includes Yizkor Simchat Torah Services 6:45 pm Dancing 7 pm	27 Simchat Torah Office Closed No Nursery School Services 9:30 am Candles 6:28 pm Services 6:45pm	28 Bereshit Children's Service Mincha/Maariv 6 pm
29 Blood Drive 8 am-12:30 pm Hanoar 12 pm Family Fun Donaldson Park 12 pm	30 Kadima 7:30pm	<i>Regular Services</i> Friday evening 6:30 pm Shabbat morning 9:30 am Children's Service 10:15 am Morning Minyan Sundays and Labor Day 9:00 am Monday and Thursday 6:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am Chol Hamoed weekdays 6:30 am Hoshana Rabba 6:15 am				