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# NEVE SHALOM

## נוה שלום

### FROM THE RABBI

*By Gerald Zelizer*

## Biogas Project Update

A sanctuary must be built with windows. Why? So that we Jews, while adhering to our own particular religion, are able to look toward the larger needs of the world.

Some of you may not recall or know about the Biogas Project in Ghana undertaken by Congregation Neve Shalom in the last few years. Below are excerpts from a letter I wrote to those who contribute to this project, which, after several years has been completed. Our member **Harold Geller**, whose passion, commitment, and devotion to “Letaken Olam B’malchut Sitadai” – “Better of the world on behalf of God’s kingdom is exemplary. Harold, a pious Conservative Jew, “gets” both the particular requirements and universal aspects of halachah. For that vision, I thank him for collaborating with a steadfast commitment to this project.

The following letter, writing to our donors, and the pictures to follow, will explain this further. It was written to our donors.

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*“Some of you may not even recall donating to this project following my high holiday sermon as we ushered in 5772, and discussed the ecological interests which emerge from the Talmudic discussion of the Noah story, where Noah may have used the massive stores of waste on the Ark to compost and revitalize the land which had lost its top inches of top soil in the flood.*

*I am happy to inform you, that on September 23 (just 6 days before we begin a week of reading the Noah story at our Shabbat mincha service) we were informed by our partners Thomas and Elizabeth Israel of GreenMicrofinance that construction of the Biogas Digester and Biolatrine which we had funded in Ghana was complete.*

*Since that first announcement, Harold Geller and I have learned much about patience, and the trials and tribulations of being involved in a project that is taking place 5,000 miles away.*

*Ghana is still grappling with basic environmental challenges such as drains, sewage systems and solid waste which put a stranglehold on the country. In Ghana, over 20 percent of the population still lacks access to basic sanitation facilities like toilets; a situation which has resulted in about 5 million people openly defecating into gutters and the shores of beaches every day.*

*The construction of the digester was overseen by a biogas expert from India, who trained several Ghanaian engineers to be able to replicate this sort of biogas plant.*

*I would like to thank you for your support. What is next for this work, is uncertain, however our modest investment, and diligence have impacted one family, and may serve as a model for other communities of faith.*



The site in Ghana where the biogas digester has been constructed. It is a modest farming area, with several buildings which house the family of Rose Manu, a 50 year old single mother who lives with her six children and grandchildren outside of Kumasi.

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**NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN**

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

**HALLELUYAH!**



“Halleluyah” is a Hebrew word which means “Praise God!” While the Christian Bible and many prayers include this Hebrew word we should proudly shout God’s praises when we sing this in our Hebrew texts. Many psalms and prayers praise God and we, as Jews, should not be shy about expressing our joy and love of God.

On Sunday, November 17 at a 3:00 pm concert we will have many opportunities to sing “Halleluyah!” The NJ Cantors Concert Ensemble, which I direct, (photo, top right) this year has been singing a wide variety of settings that all include that word Halleluyah. From classical European pieces to new American pop, from Africa, Israel and other lands we are joyfully singing mostly upbeat, energetic songs that will have you tapping your feet and perhaps even clapping or singing along.

Children from Neve Shalom will be singing several Halleluyah songs and we are bringing some Hazamir Teen Choirs (photo, bottom right) to also be part of this uplifting concert. The Hazamir teen choirs have groups throughout the United States and Israel. They have performed in Lincoln Center and other major concert venues. Under the direction of Cantors Joel Caplan and Anna West Ott choirs from New



Brunswick and MetroWest NJ will be performing here. I am sure you will truly enjoy them and all of the performers and selections.

Please join us for this amazing concert. We are seeking patrons (\$50 per person) and general admission guests (\$20 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students). Tickets will be available in the Neve Shalom office. Proceeds will benefit Neve Shalom. Don’t miss this fun and joyful concert and the chance to hear great music and won-

**In Memoriam** בי"ה

**Rubin Cohen**  
 father of Barbara Cohen  
 and Susan Goldman

**Stewart Hutt**  
 husband of Irene Hutt  
 and father of Douglas Hutt

**Herman Farer**  
 brother of Beatrice Grossman

**Michael Robin**  
 Husband of Beatrice Robin

Neve Shalom Adult Education Committee  
 and the Gilbert and Claudie Hayat Speaker Series  
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**DIALECTIC IN JUDAISM:  
 DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS IN THE TORAH**

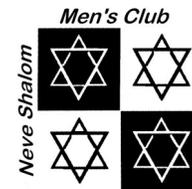
Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013  
 at the 9:30am service

Discussion will continue after the Kiddush lunch  
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# Biogas Project Update

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## Men's Club Minute



By Stu Mantel, Men's Club President



Above are the biolatrine (photo 1), and wash basin (photo 2) that were constructed as part of our project. The human waste from the biolatrine, will be supplemented by animal waste from nearby farms, and will be turned into biogas, which will be used for cooking.



The big black silo-looking object above is the finished Biogas digester, which is constructed of steel which was bent into this shape, built above a storage pit and constructed of poured concrete, reinforced by Iron rods.

It is not too late to make reservations for the Man of the Year/Youth of the Year event. Each year we honor one member of our community who has advanced the club's goals of involving our community in Jewish living. **Matt Bonus** is this year's recipient of the Neve Shalom Men's Club Morty Fields Man of the Year Award. We also honor an outstanding member of our teenage community for their achievements. This year we are pleased to honor **Jennifer Greenberg** as Neve Shalom's Youth of the Year. Please join us in honoring these two outstanding members of our community, at The Grand Marquis on November 13. There will be a cocktail hour before and dessert after the presentation of the awards. Contact me for reservations or details.

Thank you to all who placed ads in this year's journal. The proceeds from the ad journal sales help us fund the work that we do throughout the year.

Our *Touchdowns and Torah* sessions are in full swing. Come join us, Monday evening, for pizza followed by a brief torah learning session and capped off with a little Monday night football. We will have soft drinks but, you are free to bring your own beverages. Please check the Neve News email for the times. This event is free and open to all adults. Reservations are not necessary but, please let us know if you will be attending so we can order enough food.

Also coming up is a *Hearing Men's Voices Breakfast*, on November 10. We will start serving around 9:00 am followed by a short HMV program. In February we will be participating in the *14th Annual World Wide Wrap*. I will share more information as we get closer to the date.

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](mailto:mensclub@neveshalom.net).



Sisterhood Membership Night Out  
**"Conversations with Anne"**



live performance adapted from her original diary entries  
from Anne Frank Center USA

**Don't miss this great evening!!**

**Monday November 18 at 6:30 pm**

**At Neve Shalom. Dinner will be served.**

**All Sisterhood members are invited.**

**You are welcome to bring a guest for \$18**

***Only cost are your Sisterhood Dues \$36***

***Kindly pay in advance or at the door.***

***Torah Fund Circles will be drawn***

**RSVP is a must by 11/11**

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# HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

## FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE

November will bring some special programs to the children of our Hebrew School. On Friday November 1 the theme of the Family Service for Parshat Toldot will be "family. We will ask the children and their parents to share some family history and memories and connect them with the Biblical "first" family. The service will be at 6:30 pm led by our 2nd-6th graders and will be followed with delicious cookies, brownies and other treats. There will be a family Shabbat dinner prior to the service with more information available from the Hebrew School office.

## HALLELUYAH CONCERT

On Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 pm an outstanding and enjoyable concert of Jewish music will be held at Neve Shalom. It will feature The NJ Cantors conducted by **Hazzan Levin** in a program of songs that praise God and every song will include the word "Halleluyah!" featured guest performers will be teens from two NJ Chapters of Hazamir, International Jewish Teens choirs. Several Neve Shalom members are in this choir. Finally, students from Neve Shalom will join us for some fun renditions. All proceeds will benefit Neve Shalom and we hope everyone of every age will attend and enjoy this amazing program.

## SATURDAY FAMILY SERVICE

On Saturday, November 23, families are encouraged to attend and help lead a separate, lively service in the Beit Midrash. Organized by **Wendy Kushner** and **Nita Polay Levin**, there will be parts for children and parents to help lead. Contact Wendy Kushner for more information. Students from our Vav class (grade 6) will chant Torah for the first time and we expect that everyone will appreciate this new format.

## AFTER SHUL FUN AND AFTER "OURS"

That same afternoon, November 23, After Shul Fun will feature lunch, games and activities for students in grades 3-6. At the same time adults of all ages are invited for social discussions and refreshments after lunch. Contact **Michele Rosenfield** for more information about this new "After Ours" program.

## CHANUKAH PROGRAM AT WHISPERING KNOLLS

On Sunday morning of Chanukah, December 1, during Hebrew School we will be bringing children to perform at the Whispering Knolls Assisted Living Center across from JFK Hospital. We will need permission slips from the children who will be attending and parents to driver. Older students will also be meeting with some of the residents to talk with them, play cards and share stories and memories together.

## GADNA PROGRAM

Teens in grades 7-12 should save Tuesday evening December 10 for a most interesting and engaging event. **Amit Shuker**, of the Israeli Army, will recreate the Israeli Gadna program which includes basic Army training activities. This year's Barry Miller Fund program will be memorable, educational and lots of fun.



## NEVE SHALOM FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**FRIDAY NIGHTS**  
**FAMILY SERVICE, GRADES 2 – 6,**  
**6:30 pm:**  
 Join the Rabbi and the Hazzan for a family-oriented service With special themes, great desserts and lots of "ruach!"  
 Nov. 1  
 For the Torah portion of "Toldot" we will share family stories and



**AFTER SHUL FUN,**  
**from the end of services til 2 pm,**  
**grades 3-6**  
 Nov 23  
 For parents: **AFTER OURS**  
 Featuring refreshments and discussions



**SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
 For children in grades K – 6, all services are 10:15 – 11:45



Nov. 2, 16, 23

**Shabbat Morning**  
**FAMILY SERVICE**  
 Join Nita Polay Levin and Wendy Kushner for a lay-led service on Saturday Nov. 23. Prayers for these services will be handed out in advance so you can practice and get assistance if needed. The 6th grade will chant Torah for the 1st time.  
 Contact Wendy Kushner for more info.  
 For more information about Shabbat morning services contact Nita at [NitaKipa@aol.com](mailto:NitaKipa@aol.com)

**TEEN HAVDALAH**  
 Saturday Nov. 23

Neve Shalom presents  
*A joyful concert*

**HALLELUYAH!**

featuring  
 NJ Cantors  
 Concert Ensemble  
 Hazzan Sheldon Levin,  
 conductor



Hazamir Teens of  
 New Brunswick &  
 Metro West  
 Cantors Joel Caplan and  
 Anna West Ott, conductors



and Neve Shalom Children

**Sunday, Nov. 17**  
**At 3pm**

Patrons \$50 per person  
 General Admission \$20 per person  
 Seniors and students \$10 per person

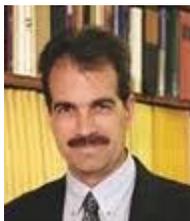
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## ADULT ED NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

On Saturday, November 16, **Gary Rendsburg** will speak on differing viewpoints in the Torah.



Prof. Rendsburg has spoken several times at Neve Shalom and has always been very well received as both a scholar and great presenter. He teaches at Rutgers University and is a world renowned expert on Jewish studies. He will be sharing information about how the Bible sometimes has different takes on the same topic. For example, sometimes the Bible is against the concept of a monarchy and sometimes it is very pro monarchy. Please do not miss this outstanding speaker and most interesting and informative talk. He will speak briefly during services and then there will be text study after the free light lunch.

Please return your reservation form (*page 10*) for the Scholar-in-Residence on December 6-7, **Rabbi Burt Visotzky**. This writer, lecturer and TV personality will share his views on who wrote the Bible, Continuing Revelation and how the sins of Sodom are not what we think. Reservations are required for the catered dinner. The kiddush luncheon is open to the public. Scholar Benefactors will receive the dinner for free and do not need to pay for any other Adult Ed courses this year. We thank those who have already sent in their forms to be benefactors but would appreciate more support to enable us to bring these types of high quality programs in the future.



## Internship in Israel: The Best the State Offers

By Jacob Binstein

Israel is world-renowned as the Start-Up Nation – a country surrounded by enemies, yet ranked #2 in the world for venture capital, after the United States (<http://www.jfns.org/page.aspx?id=43769>). This summer, I went on a combined learning/internship program, so that I could take advantage of the best that the Jewish State had to offer. I spent three weeks on Meor Vision, a full-day yeshiva study program. I then spent the next six weeks on jInternship, a program that combines yeshiva study with internships in any of Israel's many job sectors.

The yeshiva study programs were amazing. I feel like I've learned more during the precious few weeks I had there than I have in my three years of college combined. Whether it was Jewish philosophy, Torah study, or arguing about cases brought up in the Talmud, I enjoyed every minute of it.

For my internship, I worked with **Dr. Michael Berman**, the head of the Computers in Medicine track of Hadassah Academic College. He founded his own start-up, Sonarium Medical, with the intention of creating a device that could scan for breast cancer using ultrasound waves. I spent my time with him creating programs to visualize the data gathered by the scanning device. Besides being extremely educational, it was amazing to be a part of cutting-edge re-

search with such brilliant and qualified people.

Internship provided me with a number of opportunities to live the life of an Israeli. I was living in Har Nof, a religious section of Jerusalem populated mostly by Americans. "Har Nof" in Hebrew means "Scenic Mountain", and it lives up to its name. From every point, the hills and valleys surrounding Jerusalem can be seen. My group spent our different Shabboses all over Jerusalem, staying with families from all kinds of fascinating backgrounds. My favorite Shabbos by far was spent with a family whose father was from Monaco, and whose mother was from Poland. Every member of the family played an instrument, and the Havdallah service was followed by an impromptu concert featuring all of the family's five children. The music was other-worldly, and was truly a special experience.

But there are plenty of other sections of Jerusalem, and my group made it a mission to try to explore them all. We visited a Bukharian section, where people still dressed in 18th and 19th-century garb, and spoke a heavily-accented Hebrew. Our second mission was to try the food from as many falafel and schwama places as we possibly could - our favorite by far was owned by a man who escaped Yemen in his early twenties and has been living in Israel ever since, creating a

delicious falafel sandwich made with mala-wach, based on his family's recipe. We spent a few hours in this man's hole-in-the-wall shop, watching him skillfully make the perfect sandwich, eating far more than we should have, and listening to him describe the hardships he left in Yemen and the freedom he found in Israel.

The thing that really impressed me about Israel was the spirit of entrepreneurship that seemed to course through the veins of every Israeli, young and old. I met a number of start-up founders, who each had an idea and was intent on seeing it through. The common feeling appeared to be that anything is possible, and there's nothing stopping you from achieving your dreams. With the recent purchase of Waze, an Israeli navigation app, by Google for over a billion dollars, the already excited entrepreneurs have a renewed vigor. Young and old, the Israelis I met in Jerusalem's Technology Garden and the Technion in Haifa believed only in doing. Many of them had day job to pay the bills and a start-up on the side to fulfill a dream they have of an app, a technology, or a service that they feel the world is lacking. It was truly inspiring.

I want to sincerely thank Neve Shalom, and specifically the Susy Schwartz Memorial Fund, for helping me get to Israel and spend my summer building myself, my Judaism, and my resume.

# Called to the Torah

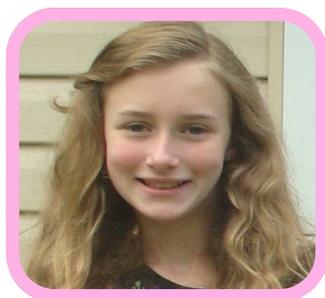
By Flora Cowen

**C**heryl Schneider, the daughter of **Nadine and Bert Schneider**, will become a bat mitzvah on Sunday, November 3. Her nine-year-old brother **Adam** will join in the celebration, along with **Grandma Sara, Uncle Lewis Schneider, Aunt Gladys Schneider, and Uncle Neil Schneider** (“all from my Dad’s side”) from the Voorhees and Cherry Hill area, in South Jersey. Cheryl, known to some of her friends as Cher Bear, is in the seventh grade at Terrill Middle School, in Scotch Plains, where her favorite subjects are science and language arts.

Cheryl reports that she “... enjoys swimming, riding my bike, and ice

skating. I also stay active by playing outside with my brother. In my spare time, I enjoy singing, and I also like to read.”

In the USA, Cheryl has traveled to Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC. She has also traveled outside of the United States to the Bahamas and Bermuda. For her Mitzvah Project, she is “...working with ‘Happy Paws’ to help find rescue pets a forever home.”



**O**n Saturday, November 30, 2013, **Allison "Allie" Kashan**, daughter of **Susan and Scott Kashan**, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah.

Her brothers **Jeremy** and **Evan** will be coming home from college to help Allie celebrate her special day. Also joining in the celebration will be **Grandma Sandy Breyer** from Nyack, NY; grandparents **Sheila and Bill Kashan** from Rockaway, NJ; great-aunt **Laurie Tillman** from Coral Springs, FL; cousin **Melissa Tillman** from Los Angeles, CA; cousins **Jonathan, Jake** and **Reece Breyer** and cousin **Hope De Genova**, all from Rockland County, NY; and cousins **Samantha** and **Josh Cohn** from Hillsdale, NJ.

Allie is a 7th grade student at John Adams Middle School in Edison, where she reports, “I enjoy social studies, but I always seem to enjoy my math teachers, too.”

While she is not fond of sports -- “I hate sports,” Allie says -- she does have many other interests: “I love to be with my friends. They keep me alive during boring classes because they are very

funny. I baton twirl and like to spend time with my cousins. I enjoy attending Kadima and Girl Scout events. I also participate in a club at my school called Odyssey of the Mind. My team and I travel and compete. We present a skit that we work on throughout the year. My favorite place in the world is my sleep-away camp, Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake in Verbank, NY.”

In the United States, travels have taken Allie to nine of the original 13 colonies (CT, DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, NC, PA, and VA) and she has also been to California, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Nevada, and West Virginia. Her travels outside of the United States have taken her to Cancun, Mexico, and to Niagara Falls in Canada.

For her mitzvah project, Allie will be “...selling rainbow loom bracelets and collecting donations, and all the proceeds are going to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in honor of my Grandma. To support this worthwhile project, please e-mail me at [alliekash@gmail.com](mailto:alliekash@gmail.com).”

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

Ronald Becker.....18	Sidney Krane.....4
Elliot Bonus.....T 1	Barbara Osofsky .....1
Danny Boxer .....T 1	Mark Rosenfield .....14
Andrea Colby .....4	Michele Rosenfield.....5
Matthew Daniels.....T 1	Daniel Rushefsky .....1
Evan Derector .....T 4	Brett Schildkraut.....6
Michael Friederwitzer.....6	Jeffrey Schulman .....1
Eric Goldman .....1	Stacey Sern .....5
Rosalie Green.....1	Aliza Sessler .....T 1
Bruce Greenberg .....1	Hannah Sessler .....T 1
Jennifer Greenberg .....T 7	Marty Slutzky.....1
Arielle Kafker .....T 1	Barbara Spack.....5
Rena Kallman .....1	Eric Steinbach .....T 1
	Stephen Traum.....7



**Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah during the High Holidays:** *T=Teen, JR=Junior*

Emily Binstein .....T 1	Ed Thompson .....1
Danny Boxer .....T 1	Mel Thor .....1
Scott Boxer.....T 1	Stephen Traum .....1
Jake Bullock .....T 1	David Yellin .....1

**Haftarah**

- Matt Bonus
- Aimee Braverman
- Richard Bullock
- Herbert Gary
- Eric Goldman
- Bruce Greenberg
- Rena Kallman
- Sidney Krane
- Mark Rosenfield
- Stacey Sern
- Seymour Tabak
- Larry Wineberg

**Ashrei**

Jacob Anes.....T	
Evan Derector.....T	
Abigail Goldberg.....JR	
Claire Goldberg.....JR	
Adam Gross .....JR	
Sarah Schildkraut.....JR	
Nathan Zelizer .....JR	
Sophia Zelizer .....JR	



## November Birthdays

Join us on Shabbat on November 2 as we celebrate the following birthdays with a special blessing from the Rabbi and cupcakes at lunch!

- Benjamin Alter
- Eitan Berenfeld
- Kayla Berenfeld
- Jake Hodes
- Ronald Hodes
- Rebecca Isler
- Rayna Israel
- Zoey Kaplan
- Hayley Pinkowitz
- Samantha Rabinowitz

# Nursery School News

By Martha Mack, Director

**W**ow! What a busy month of October we had here at Neve Shalom Nursery School!

Our 2-1/2 year old class explored the topic of Fire Safety through stories, art, cooking, and fun activities....check out the huge red fire truck they created on the bulletin board in the hallway! Our 3 year old class learned all about the Fall season by tasting and graphing their favorite types of apples and collecting a variety of leaves and sorting/graphing them by color. Our 4 year old class students worked very hard on their house project theme which included creating a journal about the many different kinds of houses, ranging from Noah's Ark to the White House. Our Kindergarten Wrap program students enjoyed activities that touched on language arts, math, and science concepts in addition to Jewish values and mitzvot (good deeds).

We have a brand new program entitled "My Jewish Journey" which meets once a month on a Sunday morning from 11 am - 12 noon for young Jewish families and their preschool aged children. Our first of eight sessions took place in October and it was a resounding success! Please join us for our next session on Sunday, November 17 when the topic will be Chanukah. We will be happy to pro-rate the cost for your family, the total cost for all eight sessions was \$36 per family, if you join us for the next seven sessions the cost would be only \$32! You can access the sign-up flyer on either the nursery school page of our website, [www.neveshalom.net](http://www.neveshalom.net), or in the nursery school office.

Our **KidStuff Coupon Book** fundraiser is coming to a close. If you haven't already either purchased the book for \$25 or handed it back in to the nursery school office, please do so as soon as possible. The money we raise from these fundraisers goes directly to cover the cost of special programming for our nursery school children throughout the school year. Thank you and we appreciate your support! Be on the lookout for our next fundraiser, Cookie Dough.....

Just a reminder....the nursery school is also collecting "Boxtops for Education" which can be found on a multitude of every day products that we purchase at the supermarket. Please save the boxtops and drop them off to either the front office or the nursery school office. Over the years, the nursery school has received over \$600, and all we had to do was send in boxtops! Thank you to everyone who has helped us in the past, and for your continued support as well.

If you know of anyone who is interested in sending their child to Neve Shalom Nursery School, please just let us know and we will be happy to give them a personal tour of the facility. We also have a flourishing "Mommy & Me" program which meets on Mondays from 10 -11 am for the 18 – 24 month olds, a "Just Me" program which meets on Mondays from 9:15 – 11:15 am, and a "Kindergarten Before/After School" program which is currently meeting four days a week in the mornings only. Questions? Please contact **Martha Mack**, Director at 732-548-2238, ext. 17 or [nurseryschool@neveshalom.net](mailto:nurseryschool@neveshalom.net)



## Architects in the making....



## Painters at play....



# Neve Shalom SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE **MAKING THE BIBLE A TIMELESS TEXT**

**Friday and Saturday  
Dec. 6-7, 2013**

*Scholar-In-Residence*

**Rabbi Burt Visotzky**

*Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary*



**BURT  
VISOTZKY**

Prof. Visotzky holds degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Harvard University, and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He has been visiting faculty at Oxford; Cambridge; Princeton; the Russian State University of the Humanities in Moscow; and served as the Master Visiting Professor of Jewish Studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He will be teaching at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome in Spring, 2014.

With Bill Moyers, Visotzky developed ten hours of television for PBS. Their collaboration, "Genesis: A Living Conversation," premiered in 1996. He consulted with Jeffrey Katzenberg and Dreamworks for the 1998 film, "Prince of Egypt." In December 2012 Visotzky served as consultant and on-screen participant in Christiane Amanpour's four-hour ABC mini-series, "Back to the Beginning."

**Friday: BIBLE: THE WORD OF GOD  
OR HAND OF MOSES?**

**Sat. a.m.: SCRIPTURE AND ITS  
INTERPRETATION: Continuing Revelation**

**Sat. noon: THE SINS OF SODOM ARE  
NOT WHAT YOU THINK: Text Study**

*\*There will be a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m., services at 7:30 p.m., and the speaker will talk at 8:00 p.m.  
Dinner is catered by Lox, Stock & Deli.  
Dinner fees must be paid in advance and cannot be placed on your synagogue bill.  
Saturday will be a light kiddush – lunch.  
One does not need to attend the meals to participate in the services or program.*

The annual Scholar-in-Residence Event is sponsored this year by the Scholar-in-Residence Fund, the Ohev Shalom Endowment and the Gilbert and Claudie Hayat Endowment. Benefactors for the Scholar-In-Residence Event are needed. Please send your contribution to the Synagogue for \$150 per person to be listed as Benefactors of this year's event. There is no additional charge for Benefactors for the dinner or any Adult Education courses.

**For more information about Adult Education programs contact  
Hazzan Sheldon Levin 732-548-2238 ext. 14 can2r11@aol.com**

### Scholar-In-Residence Reservations

First and Last Names of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dec. 6, 2013 Friday Dinner:**

Catered by *Lox Stock & Deli (Bring your own wine)*

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$18 per person) # \_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$9 per person) Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: **Neve Shalom Adult Ed**

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Special food allergies or dietary issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form and check by Nov. 26 to **Neve Shalom 250 Grove Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840 Attention: Hazzan Levin**  
(Meals **MUST** be paid in advance and cannot be placed on the synagogue bill) **Info: 732-548-2238 x 14 [Hazzan@NeveShalom.net](mailto:Hazzan@NeveShalom.net)**

# Neve Shalom Goods & Services Auction

## Saturday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



Come join us for an exciting evening filled with wonderful items up for auction including theatre tickets, vacations, designer handbags, electronics, jewelry, retail and restaurant gift certificates, and much, much more!

Admission price is only \$5 per person!

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

Back by popular demand!

We are auctioning off 2 designated parking spots in the Neve Shalom parking lot....put your name on a parking spot for 2014!

Free coffee and dessert will be served at the end of the evening



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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.

*You have two choices to join our Family:*

1. Become a **BENEFACTOR** for **\$180** and receive a beautiful pin plus assorted Torah Fund cards. Check is to be made to **TORAH FUND** and mailed to **JUDY TABAK**, 18 Mayling Court, Edison, NJ 08837.
2. Join a **BENEFACTOR'S CIRCLE** for **\$18** or a multiple thereof. There will be 10 names in each circle and one name will be drawn from each circle to win the pin. For every \$18 donation you will receive assorted Torah Fund cards. These checks are to be made to **SISTERHOOD NEVE SHALOM** and mailed to **FRAN PASMANIK**, 9 Yolanda Drive, Edison, NJ 08817.

The drawings will take place, and pins will be distributed, at the Sisterhood **Membership Appreciation Dinner** on Monday, November 18, 2013.  
All checks must be received  
by November 11, 2013

Any questions? Call Judy at 732 494-1993 or e-mail to: [pikuahnefesh@yahoo.com](mailto:pikuahnefesh@yahoo.com)  
or Fran at 732 261-2932.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to become a benefactor.  
Enclosed is a check for \$180 made payable to Torah Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to join a Benefactors Circle and enter the drawing to win a benefactors pin. Enclosed is a check for \$18 made payable to Sisterhood Neve Shalom

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you!!**

**Please considering making a donation to support Kiddush luncheon on Shabbat!**



To inquire about the various ways to honor or remember loved ones, please contact the Neve Shalom office at 732-548-2238.





## Neve Shalom Family Service

**Friday Nov. 1 6:30pm**

**In honor of the *Parasha of TOLDOT*  
(Generations) we invite children and parents  
to share some "family history" stories. There  
will be a short, lively service and  
the children will sing the prayers.**

**Cookies, ices and  
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**More info: [lazzan@neveshalom.net](mailto:lazzan@neveshalom.net)**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Service Times</b>                      Shabbat morning 9:30 am                      Children's Service 10:15 am  <b>Morning Minyan</b>                      Sundays and Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am                      Monday and Thursday 6:45 am                      Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am                      Chanukah weekdays 6:35 am                      Rosh Chodesh weekdays 6:35 am</p>					<p><b>1</b>                      Candles 5:37pm                      Hebrew School                      Dinner 5:30 pm                      Family and                      Traditional                      Services 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>2 Toldot</b>                      Childrens Service                      Mincha/Maariv                      5 pm</p>
<p><b>3 Rosh Chodesh</b>                      Standard Time                      Begins                      Cheryl                      Schneider                      Bat Mitzvah                      10 am                      Rabbi's Class                      10 am</p>	<p><b>4 Rosh Chodesh</b>                      Adult Education                      Class 7 pm                      Sisterhood                      7:30 pm                      Finance Comm                      Touchdown and                      Torah 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      No Hebrew                      School                      Ritual Comm                      7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      Tikkun Olam                      Comm 8 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      No Hebrew                      School                      Men's Club                      7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Candles 4:29 pm                      Services 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>9 Vayeitzei</b>                      No Children's                      Service                      Mincha/Maariv                      4 pm                      Goods and                      Services                      Auction 7:30pm</p>
<p><b>10</b>                      Hearing Mens'                      Voices                      Breakfast                      9 am                      Midrasha 11am                      Hanoar 12 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      Adult Hebrew                      Class 7 pm                      USY 7:30 pm                      Touchdown and                      Torah 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>                      Kadima/USY                      Basketball                      Practice                      6:30/7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      55 Plus 1 pm                      Bar/Bat                      Mitzvah Clinic</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Candles 4:22 pm                      Services 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>16 Vayishlach</b>                      Children's Service                      Guest speaker                      Professor Gary                      Rendsburg                      Shira Hersch                      Bat Mitzvah at                      Mincha/Maariv                      4:30 pm</p>
<p><b>17</b> Adult Ed                      Comm 9 am                      Rabbi's Class                      10 am                      Jewish Journey                      11 am                      Youth Learning                      Team 11 am                      Gift Shop sale                      9 am-12 pm                      HALLELUYA                      Concert 3 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      Sisterhood 6 pm                      Kadima 7:30 pm                      Touchdown and                      Torah 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      Colonia                      Hadassah 7 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Kadima/USY                      Basketball                      Practice                      6:30/7:30 pm                      Membership                      Meeting                      7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Bar/Bat                      Mitzvah Clinic                      Choir 7:30 pm                      Youth Comm                      8 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Candles 4:17 pm                      Services 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>23 Vayeishev</b>                      Children's Service                      Family Service                      10:15 am                      After Ours 12pm                      After Shul Fun                      12 pm                      Mincha/Maariv                      4 pm                      Havdalah                      Hangout 4 pm</p>
<p><b>24</b>                      Hanoar 12 pm                      USY 12 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Kadima 7:30 pm                      Touchdown and                      Torah 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      House Comm                      7 pm                      Synagogue                      Board 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>27 Chanukah 1<sup>st</sup> Candle</b></p>	<p><b>28 Chanukah 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>                      Office Closed                      No Nursery                      School                      No Hebrew                      School</p>	<p><b>29 Chanukah 3<sup>rd</sup> Candle</b>                      Morning                      Minyan 6:35 am                      Office Closed                      No Nursery                      School                      Candles 4:14 pm                      Services 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>30 Mikeitz</b>                      No Children's                      Service                      Allison Kashan                      Bat Mitzvah                      Mincha/Maariv                      4 pm  <b>Chanukah 4<sup>th</sup> Candle</b></p>