

*Serving the Northern  
Middlesex County  
Jewish Community*

# NEVE SHALOM

## נוה שלום

### FROM THE RABBI

*By Gerald Zelizer*

## The Inherent Value of Keeping Kosher

The question from a student of the Zayin class (pre-bar/bat mitzvah) went as follows: “Do you think it is a big sin to eat treif (unkosher)? If I don’t keep kosher, am I a bad Jew?” My answer told the student that I don’t like to use the words “bad” or “good”. Those are moral descriptions. It’s not for me to make that judgment. However, I will say that if you don’t keep kosher you are:

- a. *not adhering to one of the basic tenants of Conservative Judaism,*
- b. *not contributing to the cohesion of the Jewish religious faith and practice,*
- c. *most importantly, you may be depriving yourself of a life-enhancing practice because we all have to eat.*

In other words, by keeping kosher you will be a “stronger” and more self-aware Jew and human being!! Why? Because in the act of eating kosher we remind ourselves that we have a particularly way of eating in sync with the Jewish religious tradition. Every time we sit down to eat kosher we are reminded of several things; that the animal being eaten is a creature of God, that the

death of such a creature cannot be taken lightly, that hunting for sport is forbidden, that we cannot treat any living being irresponsibly. In short that we “sanctify the mundane act of eating.”

The student was really asking me a broader question which many Jewish adults ask me as well. What are the boundaries of being a bona-fide Jew (in contrast to sinning, or “good” and “bad”)? “Bona-fide” means having credentials. Well, the credential for being Jewish is not kashrut. The credential for being Jewish is to be born of a Jewish mother or conversion to Judaism. Beyond that definition, each mitzvah has its own inherent purpose and external function. The external purpose is what that mitzvah does for the Jewish people, the world, and for the person who observes it.

Approximately 30-40% of our congregation observes kashrut in the home. They do that because they feel that since eating is a basic life necessity, and so regular, in the act of eating they are making their home as a Jewish home and not a universal home. A smaller, but significant percentage,



observe kashrut outside of the home – in the Conservative manner – by eating dairy or fish. That too identifies one as Jewish in the external world.

So I would rather not think in terms of “good” or “bad” or even “bona-fide.” I would rather think of a mitzvah’s inherent value (ethical, moral, national), or how it enhances the life of the person who observes the mitzvah.

I finished my conversation with that student by saying “It is not whether the mitzvah marks you as a sinner, but whether the mitzvah marks you as a strong Jew.” Let’s think that same way - all of us.

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# NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

## MONTHS AHEAD BRING VARIED SERVICE STYLES TO NEVE SHALOM

**January 3  
 FAMILY DINNER AND SERVICE**

We continue our series of Friday night family services and dinners for Hebrew School families with a special theme night. We encourage the children to come dressed in pajamas and adults to be in casual clothes for the service. For dinner the menu will include both dinner and breakfast items. We hope ALL Hebrew School families join us for these engaging services, inexpensive dinners and Shabbat celebrations together with other families.

**January 4  
 MULTIPLE MINYAN SHABBAT**

We are trying a new program that has been successful in many other congregations. At the same time as the regular service in the sanctuary, led by the Rabbi and Hazzan, there will be other choices in rooms throughout the building. A learner's minyan will meet in the beit midrash and be led by **Jonathan Greenberg**, a Torah study class taught by **Stephen Gross** will be in the library and **Wendy Kushner** will lead a yoga session with a Jewish twist (wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel) in the ballroom. At the end of the service all will gather for Musaf in the sanctuary and then Kiddush together. We thank Wendy Kushner for organizing this and we hope many people will join us to try one of these interesting services or programs.

**January 11  
 AFTER SHUL FOR KIDS AND ADULTS**

After services the fun After Shul Program for kids in grades 3-6 will meet. At the same time we invite *adults* to meet with **Nita Polay Levin** after the Kiddush lunch to discuss "Does God Hear Our Prayers?" and other questions you may have about prayer and theology.

**January 15  
 TU B'SHVAT DINNER AND SERVICE**

We will have a short "seder" with blessings for different things that grow in Israel and a delicious Israeli style dinner. Reservations must be made in advance and we hope everyone of every age can join us for the discussions, singing and interesting foods.

**January 25  
 IN THE MORNING**

The Sisterhood will be leading major parts of the

Shabbat morning service and chanting Torah and Haftarah.

**January 25  
 IN THE EVENING**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will lead Havdalah and the Adult Choir and Band will lead singing after Shabbat starting at 6:00 pm.

**January 31  
 YOUTH SERVICE AND DINNER**

Our teens will lead the Friday night service and all are invited for a delicious dinner and spirited singing afterwards. Dinner reservations are required in advance.

**February 2  
 WORLD WIDE WRAP**

The Men's Club invites you to this annual opportunity for learning how to put on tefillin. Helpers and loaner pairs of tefillin will be available. A film will be shown and the morning service will include some instruction. Refreshments will be served.

**February 7  
 FAMILY SERVICE AND DINNER**

**February 8  
 SATURDAY MORNING FAMILY SERVICE** led by Rabbi Zelizer and Nita Polay Levin

**February 22  
 TEEN LED SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE** in the Beit Midrash

**March 1  
 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders** and their families will participate in the service in the sanctuary

**March 8  
 MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT**

**March 15  
 PURIM SERVICE** with the full Megillah Reading

**March 16**  
 There will be another Megillah reading for adults and then a Family Service with an abbreviated Megillah, trivia questions and prizes and fun singing for kids and their families.

**March 28  
 HADASSAH SHABBAT**

### In Memoriam ב"ה

**Michael Davis**  
 our member and  
 husband of Gail Davis

**Ely Fendell**  
 father of Pam Berenfeld

# HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



*By Hazzan Sheldon Levin*

We thank everyone who participated in our recent wonderful events at Neve Shalom. These included our children singing in the Halleluyah concert, fun Chanukah celebrations, the Metuchen Winter Parade, the Family Services, the Gadna Teen program, the Bible Family Fun Day and the December 25 activities. We hope everyone had great times and learned a lot too.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ◆ **January 3**  
Family Service and Dinner -- kids wear your pajamas
- ◆ **January 11**  
After Shul Fun grades 3-6
- ◆ **January 15**  
Tu B'Shvat Dinner – for all ages
- ◆ **January 18 at 7:00 pm**  
Fulfilling the Dream at Temple Emanu-El, special children activities and speakers and programs for adults
- ◆ **January 19 at 9:00 am**  
Youth Learning Team (Hebrew School Committee) meeting
- ◆ **January 25**  
4<sup>th</sup> grade will lead Havdalah and everyone is invited for sing-along.

## Scholarships for Jewish Summer Experiences

A limited amount of funds are available through Neve Shalom scholarship funds for partial scholarships to summer programs with Jewish content such as Camp Ramah and USY on Wheels. Most of the money is provided by the Ohev Shalom Endowment, and smaller amounts from the Adolph Levy Fund. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of need. In the past, the Susy Schwartz Memorial Fund has supplemented the scholarships on a year to year basis.

If you wish to apply, please write a letter to **Rabbi Zelizer** with the amount of tuition involved, how much of the tuition you can afford, and a detailed statement of why the request is being made on the basis of need. The deadline for applications is **January 15, 2014**. A committee will consider all requests and applicants will be notified by **February 15, 2014**.



## January Birthdays



Join us on Shabbat on January 4 as we celebrate the following birthdays with a special blessing from the Rabbi and cupcakes at lunch!

- Gage Rodey
- Lillian Kupersmit
- Nathaniel Kupersmit
- Patrick McAuley

## NEVE SHALOM

Havdalah "25th Hour"

Sat. Evening,  
Jan. 25, 2014

Havdalah and Musical program starts at 6:00pm  
Fourth Grade students will lead Havdalah

*In memory of Debbie Friedman, z"l,  
all of the songs will be her compositions.  
Please come and sing along to  
remember this amazing woman.*

There is no charge for the "25th Hour" Program

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# ADULT ED NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin



## NEW CLASSES

Our next semester of Adult Ed has just begun. **Rabbi Zelizer** is teaching two short semesters, one on "The Talmud: Why is It Important if We Have the Bi-

ble" and then a short course on the "Seder, Haggadah and the Machzor as You Never Knew Them." Classes take place on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Hayat Beit Midrash.

The Hazzan is hosting a Biblical Film Series on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on January 8, 22 and February 5 (a new date). Three very different style films look at some Biblical stories and issues. "David and Bathsheba" starring **Gregory Peck** and **Susan Heyward** is a Technicolor 1951 film with all of the Hollywood schmaltz of the period. On January 22 a recent Hollywood version of the Purim Story, "One Night with the King" stars **Peter O'Toole** and **Omar Sharif**. Since they used a Christian Bible as the basis for the plot, it will be interesting to compare this film with the Queen Esther story that we know. On February 5 (note the new date) a Hallmark TV channel movie about the Biblical issue of Levirate marriage stars **Adam Kaufman** as an unobservant bachelor who feels compelled to marry his observant rabbi brother's widow, played by **Lauren Ambrose** of "Six Feet Under". All three movies will have interesting issues for us to learn and discuss.

## GUEST SPEAKER

January 18 our Shabbat speaker will be **Rabbi Kerry Olitzky**, the Executive Director of the Jewish Outreach Institute, one of the country's leading experts of inclusion and welcoming of interfaith families into Judaism. He is a very dynamic and knowledgeable speaker and his talk topic is "The Most Important Mitzvah: Welcoming the Stranger." He will continue after lunch answering questions about outreach and bringing interfaith families into our communities.

## COMMUNAL NIGHT OF STUDY AND SOCIAL ACTION

On the weekend of **Martin Luther King's** birthday the entire Northern Middlesex County Jewish community will be gathering at Temple Emanu-El across from JFK Hospital for an evening of study, song and social action. Rabbi Zelizer will be speaking about **Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel** and his philosophies and connections with the Civil Rights Movement. Hazzan Levin will be singing and teaching Jewish contemporary songs about mitzvot and repairing the world. Other rabbis and cantors will also be presenting and a Baptist minister will speak about Christian-Jewish relations. This is co-sponsored by Neve Shalom, Beth Mordecai, the JCC and Temple Emanu-El. A program for children with crafts and social action activities will also take place at the same time. There is no admission fee and refreshments will be served.

## Israel: The Unforgotten Dream

By Sharon Friederwitzer

This past summer I embarked on the summer of a lifetime. Along with fifty other USY participants, I spent four weeks diving into Israeli culture.

In Hebrew school, I've always gazed at the posters of mud-covered people, donkey-riders, and famous structures in Israel decorating the class walls, but had never imagined actually going there. My dream came true this past summer.

This was my first time in Israel and I fell in love. I never realized how much our Jewish homeland meant to our people, especially teenagers.

Anytime Israel was mentioned in a conversation, "beautiful scenery", "outstanding views", "culturally inclined" would always come up, so I figured it was just another tourist area. What I didn't realize was how strong a connection we have with Israel.

It only took me ten hours; and within the last hour of the plane ride to Israel, every passenger from business class to first class, began singing. I became excited seeing everyone else smiling and cheering when we landed. This was only the beginning.

Everywhere we toured in Israel became my favorite place, however, I particularly enjoyed Haifa and Poriyah. In Haifa, the group stopped at a beautiful overlook of the Baha'i Gardens. What I was really looking forward to that day was learning about the Druze religion. Learning about different cultures in Israel is what fascinated me and was one of the main reasons behind going on this trip. My group had lunch at the Usafia Druze village, which was spectacular! The views of the sky and mountains from the window were simply astonishing!

Later that day, we went donkey-riding at Kfar Kedem! We dressed up in the proper attire and learned how to give a donkey instructions. The next day we arrived in Poriyah and I couldn't believe it. It was paradise.

In order to reach the youth hostel we were staying, there was a winding road that took five minutes to drive down. The youth hostel faced the Sea of Galilee. Each morning I woke up there, the view was breathtaking.

Aside from visiting different cities, I enjoyed spending Shabbat in Jerusalem. Each Shabbat we spent in Jerusalem, we were able to attend any congregation's service. One Shabbat I went to Shira Chadashah's service where the whole congregation serves as the choir, singing different melodies. Another Shabbat I prayed with a Sephardic congregation. Their unique customs and Torahs intrigued me. The last Shabbat my group spent in Jerusalem I visited an Ashkenazi synagogue which reminded me of Neve Shalom. I loved experiencing different services during my time in Israel and made sure to take advantage of every moment there.

My dream to visit Israel turned into a reality this summer through a generous grant from the Susy Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund. I experienced first-hand the land and environment of the Bible tales I'd grown up listening to, and I was able to insert myself into modern day culture. Now I can appreciate the close relationship between the State of Israel and our Jewish roots even more. It was a fantastic experience I would not have otherwise been able to enjoy and one I will never forget.

*Sharon Friederwitzer is a student at Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge.*



# Israel Awareness: The View from Latrun

By Linda Gotlib

The survival of Jerusalem's citizens in the spring of 1948 can be traced to the events that took place at the Burma Road and the Latrun Monastery which are located thirty minutes from Jerusalem heading towards Tel Aviv. The Burma Road was built in May, 1948 to bring food and supplies to Jerusalem and save it from a siege imposed by Arab forces. Since the main highway, Highway 1, from Shaar Hagay to Jerusalem was controlled by Arabs, Israeli convoys with food, weapons and medical supplies rarely reached Jerusalem. They came under constant attack and sustained heavy losses. With Jerusalemites starving, the Israeli Army appointed General Mickey Marcus, an American, to build a road to save the City. Using an old goat path through the hills above Highway 1, soldiers, most of whom were recent Holocaust survivors, widened and smoothed the path using small hand tools. The road saved Jerusalem's residents from certain starvation in May, 1948. Today the road is a hiking and biking trail and goes past old orchards, olive groves and abandoned Arab villages. There are memorials, signposts and observation points along the way with explanations about its construction and history.

Nearby is the Latrun Monastery which was built in 1890 by French Trappist monks as a way station for Christian pilgrims. It overlooks Highway 1. The church was designed in Byzantine and Gothic styles and is home to monks who take a vow of silence. When the British withdrew from the British police station in Latrun on May 15, 1948, the area came under the control of the Palmach's Harel Brigade for 3 days until they were overrun by the Arab Legion. Fierce fighting between the Israeli Army and Arab Legion for control of Highway 1 occurred around the Monastery. Today the Monastery sells homemade wines and olive oil. It is a beautiful and quiet place (the monks still keep their vows of silence) with decorative gardens, vineyards and olive groves.



The village of Neve Shalom is located on one of Latrun's hilltops and was settled in an effort to show that Arabs and Jews can live together in peace. As of 2011, there were 236 residents. The land the community sits on was purchased from the Latrun Monastery and was first settled in 1978.

Close to the Burma Road and Latrun Monastery is the Tegart Fort in Yad La Shiryon which has a memorial to the fallen soldiers in the Israel Armored Corps. Its museum displays tanks and captured vehicles. The outer wall of the fort is deeply marked showing the intensity of the battles fought over this area in Israel's War of Independence.

Today the Latrun area and the Monastery are one of Israel's most beautiful with views of Jerusalem and the surrounding villages. It offers a glimpse of the courage and tenacity of Israel's newly minted army to free Jerusalem from certain starvation in May, 1948.

## And the Golden Spatula Goes to....



....Joan Emmer, Debbie Nagel, Lauren Rabinowitz, Debbie Schildkraut, Nancy Shlossman and David Verbitsky!!! The Green Team!

Our first ever "Chopped-Neve Style-Champions" earned their bragging rights by creating a tasty three course meal using some typical and not-so-typical ingredients. On Saturday, November 23rd, Neve Shalom's new "After Ours" program hosted its first event: A shabbasdic version of the Food Network TV show "Chopped". Twenty one participants were divided into three teams, each of which were given an identical box of 15 ingredients including things like frosting, hard boiled eggs,

beans, popcorn, fruits and vegetables, etc. Teams were asked to create a three course meal incorporating all the ingredients.

Our panel of judges, Cathy Salamon, Miriam Saruya, Marc Sessler, and Marian Szeinbaum, scored teams on taste, creativity, presentation and teamwork. Judges tasted everything from dips and spreads they raved about, deviled eggs that were best left on the plate, pasta salads, desserts, and even a controversial edible menorah. Of course, what fun is a Jewish program without a little bit of controversy? The judges took their jobs quite seriously, resolving the conflict with Solomonian wisdom and a good time was had by all!

"After Ours" is a new program of social activities designed to bring together different parts of the community that don't often have a chance to connect. Our next event will be a Purim themed masquerade party on **Saturday night, March 1st**, Rosh Chodesh Adar II. There will also be one more Shabbat afternoon activity in the spring. Babysitting will be available provided there is sufficient need.

We hope to see many more of you at these events because after all, *why should the kids have all the fun after shul?*



**Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah in the month of November:**

*T=Teen, JR=Junior*

Ronald Becker..... 4	Allie Kashan ..... T 1	Martin Slutzky ..... 1
Scott Boxer ..... T 1	Evan Kashan..... T 1	Arlene Smith..... 1
Jake Bullock ..... T 1	Susan Kashan ..... 1	Donald Solomon ..... JR 1
Phil Cohn..... 1	Miriam Kayser..... JR 1	Maya Solomon..... JR 1
Andrea Colby ..... 1	Sidney Krane ..... 1	Barbara Spack..... 1
Lawrence Dombrow ..... 5	Julianna Margolin ..... JR 1	Stephen Traum ..... 17
Michael Friederwitzer ..... 1	Rebecca Margolin ..... JR 1	David Yellin ..... 1
Sharon Friederwitzer ..... T 6	Mark Rosenfield..... 4	
Eric Goldman ..... 1	Michele Rosenfield ..... 6	<b>Haftarah</b>
Rosalie Green ..... 2	Brett Schildkraut ..... 1	Andrea Colby
Bruce Greenberg ..... 2	David Schildkraut ..... T 3	Ted Geardino ..... T
Jennifer Greenberg ..... T 3	Debbie Schildkraut..... 3	Rachel Hirsch ..... T
Jonathan Hersch ..... 1	Cheryl Schneider ..... T 4	Allie Kashan ..... T
Rebecca Hersch ..... T 1	Jeffrey Schulman..... 1	Barbara Spack
Shira Hersch..... T 2	Stacey Sern ..... 3	
Rachel Hirsch ..... T 1	Aliza Sessler ..... T 1	
Renal Kallman ..... 1	Hannah Sessler ..... T 1	



**BIBLICAL  
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**Neve Shalom—  
Adult Education**

*hosted by Hazzan Levin*

Free if you registered for the Spring Semester. Any individual film is \$10 or \$25 for the series

Wed., Jan. 8—7 p.m. **David and Bathsheba**  
 Gregory Peck and Susan Hayward star in the 1951 Hollywood version of King David entering an adulterous affair with tragic consequences for his family and Israel. 116 minutes, in English.

Wed., Jan. 22—7 p.m. **One Night With The King**  
 Peter O'Toole and Omar Sharif star in this 2006 film which chronicles the life of the young Jewish girl, Hadassah, who goes on to become the Biblical Esther, the Queen of Persia, and saves the Jewish nation from annihilation at the hands of its arch enemy. 123 minutes, in English.

Wed., Feb. 5—7 p.m. **Loving Leah**  
 The film stars Adam Kaufman as an unobservant Jewish bachelor who feels compelled to marry his observant rabbi brother's widow, Leah (Lauren Ambrose from *Six Feet Under*) to honor him via the ancient Jewish custom of levirate marriage. In English, 95 minutes.

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**Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014**  
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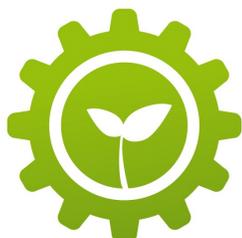
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# *Neve Shalom Enacts Plans for Energy Efficiency*

*By Dan Hirsch*

**S**halom! On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to advise you that you will be seeing some exciting changes at Neve Shalom. You may see some work being done in various parts of the building and wonder what's going on.



The Board of Directors recognizes that part of its task is to continue to provide the membership with a comfortable, enjoyable facility in which

to pray, socialize and learn. We also have the responsibility to ensure that we operate at maximum efficiency as we look towards a wonderful future together. We have engaged in several projects we believe will deliver these results in a very positive manner.

The first project deals with the lighting at Neve Shalom. Anyone who has spent any time in the gym has noticed that some of the lights are no longer operational. These lights were installed when the building was erected in the 50s. In looking for a means to replace these lights, we discovered a program that is being offered by our electrical distributor, PSE&G, whereby they would contribute 80% of the cost of retrofitting or replacing our current lighting with more energy efficient lighting. PSE&G performed an energy audit of the building earlier this year, and determined that by doing the suggested work, Neve Shalom would save enough money in reduced electrical usage to pay for the entire project in just eleven months. In addition, PSE&G will allow Neve Shalom to pay for the work over a period of 24 months, interest free. This means that Neve Shalom will immediately start seeing real savings in our electric bills. In addition, because the lighting will be more efficient and use less

electricity, Neve Shalom's carbon footprint will be reduced. The lighting changes alone will deliver on an annual basis the equivalent of planting 15 acres of trees. You may ask "what about the gym lights? Wasn't that our original goal?" Of course, this project does include the gym lighting. The inefficient gas vapor lighting will be replaced with efficient lighting that has been designed especially for gyms and uses bulbs that are rated for 40,000 hours of use. We may not have to replace those lights for ten years!

The second project deals with the HVAC systems. This is a similar program to the lighting program, but is sponsored and paid for by the State of New Jersey, to encourage non-profit organizations to replace older, inefficient electrical systems with high efficiency electrical systems. Neve Shalom currently has nine air conditioning units which date to the mid-1980s. They have actually outlasted their expected lifespan. The State of New Jersey's Direct Install program pays 70% of the cost of replacing these older HVAC units with the more efficient units. The State has estimated that replacing these HVAC units will pay for itself in about five or six years.

The board, with an eye towards the future, felt like these projects were well worth pursuing. They both have the benefit of saving Neve Shalom money as we move into the future. They "green" and further our goals of tikkun olam, and they will make the building a more comfortable place to enjoy, now and in the future.

If you have any questions about these projects, I would be happy to share the details with you. Send your comments, questions, etc. to me at [danhirsch518@gmail.com](mailto:danhirsch518@gmail.com). I would also like to thank **Mark Lampf**, **Larry Goldberg** and **Orin Chaplain** for their assistance with these projects.

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*A Night of Study*

**Sat., Jan. 18, 2014  
7:00 p.m.-9:45 p.m.**

**Rev. Mark B. McCreary,**  
*Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Metuchen  
is our keynote speaker.*

*Other discussions, lectures and musical programs will be led by:*  
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*There is no admission fee. Refreshments will be served.  
There will also be special activities for children ages 6-12 years old.*



**Neve Shalom's USY and Kadima Youth Groups  
invite the entire congregation to join them on  
Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M.  
for spirited Services featuring USY melodies  
followed by Shabbat Dinner**  
(reservations required for dinner)



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**Shabbat Dinner – Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Please respond by January 17th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Adults @ \$18 \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (13 & younger) @ \$13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to Metuchen USY)  
 Entrée Preference:  
 # Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**Neve Shalom TU B'SHVAT  
SEDER & DINNER  
Wed., Jan. 15, 2014  
6:30pm service 7:15pm dinner**

**\$15 for adults  
\$12 for children & teens  
\$50 maximum per family**



*Israeli style delicious catered dinner, songs and blessings. It's time to make your reservation for our annual wonderful mid-winter celebration.*

*Reservations forms are available in the synagogue hallway and on line at [www.neveshalom.net](http://www.neveshalom.net)*

*Reservations are due in the office by Tuesday morning, Jan. 9*

**For more information speak with Melissa or Keith Boxer**  
[boxerrealtor@optonline.net](mailto:boxerrealtor@optonline.net)

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**Neve Shalom invites you to  
MULTIPLE MINYANS  
Sat., Jan. 4 10:15-11:30 a.m.**

During the Shabbat morning service, several options will be offered throughout the building including



The Regular Service *starts 9:30am*



A Torah Study Session



A Learner's Service



Yoga with a Jewish Twist  
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**Tevet/Shevat 5774**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Service Times</b> Friday evening 6:30 pm Shabbat morning 9:30 am Children's Service 10:15 am <b>Morning Minyan</b> Monday and Thursday 6:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am Sundays and New Year's Day 9:00 am Rosh Chodesh 6:35 am			<b>1 New Year's Day</b>  Office closed	<b>2 Rosh Chodesh</b>  Men's Club 7:45 pm	<b>3</b> Hebrew School Dinner 5:30 pm Candles 4:25 pm Traditional and Family Services 6:30 pm	<b>4 Bo</b> Children's Service Multiple Minyans  Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
<b>5</b> Jewish Journey 11 am Hanoar 12 pm  Tu B'Shevat and Me 2:30 pm	<b>6</b> Kadima, Finance Comm and Sisterhood, all at 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Ritual Comm 7:45 pm	<b>8</b> Kadima and USY Basketball 6:30/7:30 pm Film series 7 pm Membership Comm 7:30 pm Tikun Olam 8 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10 Rosh Chodesh</b> Candles 4:31 pm Services 6:30 pm	<b>11 Beshalach</b> Children's Service After Shul Fun 12 pm Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
<b>12</b> Rabbi's Class 10 am	<b>13</b> USY 7:30 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Kadima and USY Basketball 6:30/7:30 pm Tu B'Shevat Dinner 6:30 pm	<b>16 Tu B'Shevat</b> Youth Comm 7:30 pm	<b>17</b> Candles 4:39 pm Services 6:30pm	<b>18 Yitro</b> Guest speaker Rabbi Kerry Olitzky Mincha/Maariv 4:15 pm Communal Night of Study at Temple Emmanuel 7 pm
<b>19</b> Men's Club Founders Breakfast 9 am Youth Learning Team 9 am Rabbi's Class 10 am	<b>20 M.L. King Day</b> Office closed	<b>21</b> Colonia Hadassah 7 pm	<b>22</b> 55 Plus 1 pm Kadima and USY Basketball 6:30/7:30 pm Film series 7 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Candles 4:47 pm Services 6:30pm	<b>25 Mishpatim</b> Sisterhood Shabbat Children's Service Mincha/Maariv 4:15 pm Family Sing-along 6 pm
<b>26</b> Rabbi's Class 10 am Hanoar 12 pm	<b>27</b> Kadima 7:30 pm USY 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> House Comm 6:30 pm Synagogue Board 7:30 pm Congregation meeting 8 pm	<b>29</b> Kadima and USY Basketball 6:30/7:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Rosh Chodesh</b> Candles 4:55 pm Youth Services with dinner 6:30 pm	