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# NEVE SHALOM

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## FROM THE RABBI

By Gerald Zelizer

### Deconstructing the High Holiday Sermon

**A**s I have told you previously, rabbis' sermons are certainly not the most important item of the High Holy Day experience. The most crucial act is to stand before God, in Heshbon Hanefesh, - spiritual stock of our lives - as individuals, Jews, and citizens of the world. The purpose of prayer, wrote **Dr. Abraham Heschel**, is to attempt to see the world from God's perspective, and not ours. At the same time, I understand that many do give centrality also to the rabbi's message on the Holy Days. So I take that responsibility seriously. I try annually to determine the most important spiritual, personal, and Jewish issues of that particular year and address them. My preparation, thinking, and research is deep and long. My writing and rewriting of sermons is even longer. This year is special. Since it is my last year on the bima after 45 years with you as your rabbi, I invested a lot of thought this summer thinking about the most critical transcendent and recurring subjects and issues that I have addressed over the years. Which life challenges, and Jewish issues have come back again and again in our lives? Which subjects are not time-bound but timeless, then, now, and tomorrow? (See sidebar.) I hope they resonate with you, and help you.

Also, this year we are instituting innovative parallel interactive and intergenerational services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur morning. You have received publicity on this. I encourage you to attend. Because of that new format, my sermon on first day Rosh Hashanah will be delivered at 12:00 noon. Whereas, on Yom Kippur, as usual, it will be in conjunction with Yizkor.

My prayer is that my words on these perennial and recurring themes assist you in addressing and living them, then, now, next year and the next. L'shana tova tikatevu.



**ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE:**  
"When Life Batters You and God Shepherds You: How to Confront Life's Angers"

**ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO:**  
"Our Children: Fulfilling Our Expectations of Them?"

**KOL NIDREI:**  
"Judaism: Is It Negotiation or Destiny?"

**YOM KIPPUR:**  
"A Yizkor Remembrance"

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# NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

## Broadway Selichot

**S**elichot has always been one of my favorite services. In less than one hour, we include many of the highlights of the High Holidays and we can use instruments to heighten the experience. During my 15 years here at Neve Shalom, I have composed or arranged different musical settings to try creative ways of expressing the texts. We have had the choir sometimes sing, once we used a string quartet, several times a cello and/or piano have accompanied the prayers. A few years ago I wrote a jazz setting of the Selichot prayers and some of the talented musicians from our congregation have been playing that very successfully.

Many years ago in Columbus, Ohio, at the congregation where **Rabbi Zelizer** grew up, a Broadway composer, **Gary William Friedman**, was commissioned to compose an "American Selichot." Mr. Friedman wrote the award winning show, "The Me Nobody Knows" and several other theatrical ventures. As you may know, I am a fan of Broadway shows and for a long time thought about writing a Selichot fit for the Great White Way. I wanted to base the melodies on traditional nusach (prayer modes) and include congregational participation. I invite you to our service on Saturday night, September 20 at 8:00 pm to hear the premiere and tell me if I succeeded in melding tradition and creativity, Jewish and Broadway, solos and congregational singing with these new compositions.

**Dave Schlossberg**, will accompany on the piano and **Kevin Werbel** will play drums. I did not use Broadway melodies, this is not like a Purim Parody. I did try to create the styles of different composers using their rhythms, chords or modalities. Some of the pieces are tributes to **Richard Rodgers** ("South Pacific"), **Jason Robert Brown** ("Last Five Years"), **Marc Shaiman** ("Hairspray"), **Stephen Sondheim** ("Sunday in the Park with George"), **Claude-Michel Schönberg** ("Les Miserables"), and others. Traditional congregational tunes including "Avinu Malkenu," "Adonai Adonai" and the "Vidui," retain their melodies so you

can sing along but have new arrangements. A haunting setting of "Shomer Yisrael" by Gary William Friedman will be included and hopefully you can sing along by the second verse.

We will begin the evening with a new version of "Havdalah" by **Rick Recht** which I think everyone can quickly learn to sing. It is currently popular at Ramah camps. To conclude the service, we will sing **Jonathan Larson's** beautiful closing hymn "Seasons of Love" from "Rent". This inspirational song sings of the ways to celebrate a life and seems a perfect introduction to the High Holiday season and New Year.

Refreshments will be served and then a showing of the dramatic film, "Ida".

**HIGH HOLIDAY CHANGES**

Throughout this bulletin there is information about the High Holidays at Neve Shalom. This year there will be several changes. Rabbi Zelizer and I will be officiating in the sanctuary together for all of the services. Many of our talented lay people will be chanting the introductory and afternoon services. On Rosh Hashanah day one and Yom Kippur morning an intergenerational service will be held in the ballroom led by **Keren Shpigel** and **Avi Siegel** with singing and Torah parts led by several of our congregants. We encourage you to try this new service in the ballroom which will end at noon prior to the Rabbi's sermon in the sanctuary.

The Neve Shalom Choir will sing very short parts in the sanctuary. We invite additional singers to join us for a few rehearsals to sing some of these key prayers but enable you to be with your family for the bulk of the services. Please contact me if you want more information about joining the choir.

As, in the past, we will be including many Torah readers, people to sing duets or solos and lots of congregational participation in the services. Please join us for as many of the prayer experiences as you can. On behalf of my family, I wish you a very happy and healthy new year to come. Shana tova!

## IN MEMORIAM ב"ה

**Esther Rosenfeld**  
 Mother of Lori Steigerwald

**Bill Goldman**  
 Father of Carol Scheid

**Benjamin Luks**  
 Our member and husband of Pam Luks

**Jeffrey Meyer**  
 Brother of Marian Szeinbaum

**Sondra Fox**  
 Mother of Donna Binstein

**William Berman**  
 Father of Deborah Berman

**Esta Fischer**  
 Our member

**Shulamith "Shully" Weiss**  
 Mother of Merrill Weiss

**Beverly Mack**  
 Mother of Kenny Mack



# MEMBERSHIP

By Dan Hirsch, Membership Vice President

As the recently elected Vice President of Membership, I am honored to be issuing my first bulletin article regarding membership. I will be using this opportunity to advise the congregation of membership related news, and will continue the traditions of my predecessor. So, let's get on with the news:

### NO DUES INCREASE IN 2014-2015

The credit for this belongs to the Board of Directors, and especially the Finance Committee. Both were able to reduce expenses in almost all areas of operations of the synagogue. We are pleased to announce that the membership of Neve Shalom will not be seeing any increase in dues this year, when compared to 2013-2014. This reverses a trend that we have seen the last several years, and reflects our ability to reduce expenses while maintaining membership levels, despite continuing demographic trends.

### 2014-2015 PLANS

Neve Shalom is looking to 2014-2015 as the year to celebrate the distinguished career of **Rabbi Zelizer**, who has been our spiritual leader for what will be 45 years, and who will be retiring at the end of next summer. The membership of Neve Shalom will be celebrating throughout the year with many events and programs, which will culminate in an Honoree Gala on May 3. Be on the lookout for these happenings and be sure to make the effort to attend and enjoy them. The past few years, we have been highlighting members in the bulletin, in an effort to make it easier to get to know one another. This year, as part of that process, we will be soliciting volunteers who would like to share their memories or a story regarding Rabbi Zelizer. If you would like to participate, please let me know as soon as possible.

### CHAI SHABBAT

On September 13, 2014, Neve Shalom will be holding our annual Chai Shabbat, when we honor those families who have been members for 18 years or more. This year, we are recognizing the addition of 13 families to that list. Keep your eye out for the flyers and remember to congratulate these families on this wonderful milestone. L'shana tova!

## HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET INFO

Please submit your dues and assessments form with payment to the synagogue for 2013-2014. Financial aid applications, if needed, can be obtained from the office. They should be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible.



This year everyone attending services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur must have their own tickets. Tickets will be marked as you enter the synagogue so that they can only be used by the person whose name appears on the ticket. We look forward to seeing everyone during the holidays this year.

Thank you.

# MEN'S CLUB MINUTE

By Stuart Mantel, Men's Club President

**L'shana tova!** Welcome back to a new year and even more reasons to become actively involved in our Men's Club. The goal of the Men's Club is to enrich our community through social and religious programming. There is a lot happening this fall. Below, I will list some of the highlights.

First, it is my pleasure to announce that **Rich Bullock** will be this year's recipient of the Neve Shalom Men's Club "Morty Fields Man of the Year Award". Rich is a long time member of Neve and the club. When I first joined Neve, Rich was already active in our community always stepping up to help wherever needed. This is just one small way for us to say "thank you".

We are also honoring **Eric Steinbach** as our Neve Shalom Youth of the Year. Eric is a past president of the Neve USY and is currently President of USY Hagalil Region. This award is in recognition of all he has done and in anticipation of his future role in the Jewish community. Dates and more details to follow.

On September 7, as the new school year starts, we will be welcoming everyone back with a little nosh. Stop by and say hi.

Touchdowns and Torah will be starting again on Monday, September 8. Each Monday, we gather at 7:30, eat pizza, study Torah, and watch the first half of the Monday night football game. This is a great way to meet the members of the club in a relaxed, informal environment. Everyone is welcome.

We will be continuing the Men's Club tradition of setting up for the High Holidays. If you are available, even for a short time, we could always use the help. See below for dates and times.

- ⊗ 8:00 am Sunday, September 21 – High Holy Days chair set up
- ⊗ 8:00 am Sunday, October 5 – High Holy Day chair breakdown, sukkah set-up
- ⊗ 8:00 AM Sunday, October 19 - sukkah breakdown

Sunday, October 12, we will be serving Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah. We will learn about the different types of Scotch and then sit down to dinner. Details will be sent out soon.

Other upcoming programs through the year include Hearing Men's Voices, Family Fun Day (December 25), Chili Cook Off, World Wide Wrap, Pasta Night, Yom Hashoah Commemoration, and Breakfast with the Rabbi.

Your Men's Club meets on the first Thursday of every month from September through June at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to all current and prospective members. Please join us.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at [mensclub@neveshalom.net](mailto:mensclub@neveshalom.net). L'shalom!



Neve Shalom is pleased to welcome the following new members who have recently joined our Neve Shalom family.

- Stephen and Jacqueline Alter
- Richard Kalfus
- Bruce and Dorie Levin
- Robert A. Levin
- Marvin and Dorothy Rubinstein



## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

### MITZVOT AND VALUES

Our theme this year will highlight Jewish values and mitzvot. From guest speakers such as **Danny Siegel** (known worldwide as a mitzvah leader), to a trip to the Jewish Children's Museum to see their "World of Good" exhibit, a game show and arts project, to a professional storyteller, to mitzvah projects and programs. This will be an exciting and wonderful year. Ventriloquist **Jonathan Geffner** and his puppets will teach us about values in a very fun way. Films, computer activities, classroom projects and other programs will keep mitzvot on our minds often this year. We thank the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County for making many of these programs possible.

### FIRST DAY

On Sunday, September 7 we ask that all parents come in to the opening assembly. We will introduce the teachers, give class assignments and start off the year in a fun way together. At 10:00 am all parents are invited to the Youth Learning Team meeting. Your input is important to us. Seventh grade will start on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:45 pm. Eighth to 10th grades start on September 16 at 6:00 pm and Mid-rasha (11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) begins October 5 at 11:00 am. Any teen who has not yet signed up to be a madrich or chosen their Hebrew

High classes, please contact Hazzan ASAP.

### SPECIAL PERSON DAY

On Sunday, September 14 we invite all grandparents (whether you have a relative in our school or not) to visit our classrooms to share your experiences growing up as a Jew. At 9:45 am, a professional storyteller, **Rivka Willick**, (pictured above) will enchant the children and other special guests with her stories. Refreshments will be served.



### KABBALAT TOT SHABBAT

On September 12, together with the Nursery School, Hazzan and **Martha Mack** will lead our first Kabbalat Tot Shabbat for children grades two and younger and their families. This short, interactive service begins at 6:30 pm and refreshments will be served afterwards. Contact Martha Mack for more details.

### SUKKOT LUNCH

Please bring a dairy (or pareve) lunch for your family on Sunday, October 12 at noon and join us in the synagogue sukkah for food and stories, blessings and discussion. (We will meet inside if it is raining.)

### TRIP

We will be going to the Jewish Children's Mu-

seum on Sunday, October 26. Parents are welcome to be chaperones and we will have permission slips available on the first day of school.

### HIGH HOLIDAYS

There are a number of exciting changes that we hope you and your children will try together this year. On the first morning of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur morning, there will be no Jr. Congregation. Instead, in the ballroom, from 10:00 am-noon will be an intergenerational service led by **Keren Shpigel** and **Avi Siegel** designed for all ages from preschoolers to great-grandparents. There will be prayers, Torah readings, discussions, small group activities, singing and many creative ways of understanding and participating in these most important services. We expect parents and children to attend together.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah there will be children's services; adults can go to the sanctuary service. **Rabbi Zelizer** and Hazzan Levin will be leading services in the sanctuary/auditorium and before and after the intergenerational service you and your children are welcome to attend there. There will also be child supervision from noon till the end of the sanctuary service for parents who would like to attend services without their kids (children are welcome in the sanctuary). For more information contact **Christina Daniels**. We wish you a wonderful High Holidays and the start of the new year.



## ADULT ED NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

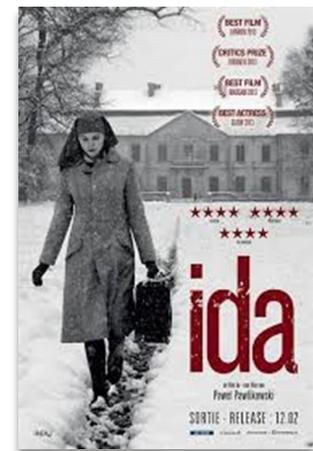
On Saturday evening September 20, at 9:00 pm (immediately following the Selichot service) we invite you to most memorable and touching film. "Ida" is the story of a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland, who is on the verge of taking her vows when she discovers a dark family secret dating back to the years of the Nazi occupation.

Directed by **Pawel Pawlikowski** in black and white in Polish with English subtitles, the film has won many coveted awards. It is rated PG-13. The following are excerpts from the New Yorker review of the film by **David Denby**.

### "IDA": A FILM MASTERPIECE

I can't recall a movie that makes such expressive use of silence and portraiture; from the beginning, I was thrown into a state of awe by the movie's fervent austerity....

*In a majestic convent, an orphaned young woman—a novice named Anna (Agata Trzebuchowska)—is ordered by her Mother Superior to visit her aunt in Lodz before she takes orders. A beautiful eighteen-year-old with a broad Slavic face, a composed, devotional manner, and a tantalizing dimple, the girl has never left the convent before and knows nothing of her family. In Lodz, wearing her habit, Anna enters the apartment of a forty-five-ish woman, who is puffing on a cigarette and waiting for the guy she picked up the night before to leave. Wanda Gruz (Agata Kulesza) tells her niece that her real name is Ida Lebenstein, and that she's Jewish—a "Jewish nun," she says. Abrupt and dismissive, Wanda enjoys attacking the girl's ignorance. But Wanda has mysteries of her own and scores to settle: Ida's mother was her beloved sister. The two agree to go to the village in which the parents were hidden by Christians and then*



*betrayed—the village where Wanda grew up.....*

*"Ida" is certainly a story of identity; it's certainly a spiritual journey, too..... "Ida" asks the question, What do you do with the past once you've re-discovered it? Does it enable you, redeem you, kill you, leave you longing for life, longing for escape? The answers are startling.*



# NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

By Martha Mack, Director

**W**elcome to both returning and new Neve Shalom Nursery School families! We hope you have all enjoyed your summer vacation.

Our teachers and staff have been very busy preparing for a fun and exciting school year. What a terrific summer we had in the Nursery School Summer Program! The children enjoyed so many wonderful and exciting indoor and outdoor activities, lots of smiles and lots of fun! Check out the photos!!

Neve Shalom Nursery School is pleased to announce that we have once again achieved re-accreditation from NAEYC



(National Association for the Education of Young Children). This achievement places our Nursery School in an elite category of child care centers that have passed the rigorous standards and criteria required to become a NAEYC accredited preschool. Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, and staff that have supported us throughout this lengthy process. We are bursting with pride!

In addition to our core Nursery School classes of 2-1/2, 3, and 4 year olds we also offer a **Kindergarten Wrap Enrichment** program to families of children in the local Metuchen and Edison half-day public school kindergartens. Our certified teacher will provide fun and exciting learning opportunities in all areas of interest that are age appropriate for the kindergarten child including reading, math, science, and writing skills.

This year we are proud to continue our innovative **My Jewish Journey** program! Beginning in September 2014, there will be a one hour monthly program on a Sunday morning designed specifically for young Jewish families to learn, interact, and create together! We will explore Jewish holidays and values through art, music, cooking, storytelling, games, and activities designed specifically for you and your preschool aged child. We have nine sessions scheduled on Sunday mornings from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, once a month from September through May.

Our **Just Me** program, for ages 2 to 2-1/2 years old, meets on Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:15 – 11:15 am and our **Mommy & Me** program, for ages 18 months – 2 years old, meets on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:00 am. If you are interested in registering your child, or have any questions regarding these wonderful programs for our littlest ones, please contact **Martha Mack** at 732-548-2238, ext. 17 or check out our website at [www.neveshalom.net](http://www.neveshalom.net) for more information!



## “Light Bulb” Moments in Israel!

**Sarah Schildkraut** is hooked — and she’s only 13. The recent bat mitzvah girl comes from a strong Jewish home, her family participates in Jewish organizations and activities, she has gone to Jewish sleep away camp, and has been hearing how special Israel is for as long as she can remember. But now that Sarah has seen Israel for herself, she is hopelessly, madly, and deeply in love.

Sarah went on a Federation family mission to Israel last summer, when she was 12. Her mom, **Debbie**, describes the exact moment she saw Sarah’s “light bulb” switch from on to “ON!” “As the plane landed, Sarah looked out the window and said, ‘I feel like I’ve been here before. I feel so comfortable.’ And that was BEFORE we stepped foot off the plane!”

From that moment, and every moment of the ensuing 10-day trip, Sarah’s light bulb shone brighter and brighter.

One day, when the group was touring Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, Debbie and family happened to meet a young man from near their hometown, who was there with a Birthright trip. “He told us he was never very interested in Jewish things,” Debbie said. “He was so excited to be in Israel; he couldn’t stop talking about how amazing it was, how he feels so connected. We all had tears in our eyes.”

Debbie described a particularly special day when the group went to Hadassah Hospital in the morning, for a planned b’nai mitzvah under the famous Chagall windows, for Sarah and another young person on the trip, **Daniel Bloomfield**. Debbie and Daniel’s mom, **Marnee**, had met on a Hadassah leadership mission to Israel two years earlier, and had begun talking then about how great it would be to come back and do a b’nai mitzvah for their kids there. Now that day had come, and everyone in the group who was there to share in it was filled with awe and emotion.

That afternoon, the group went to visit Camp Shutaf, an informal-education program for children and teens with special needs, which Jewish Federation of Monmouth County supports. During their visit, the kids on the mission got to spend hands-on time with the campers who were doing arts and crafts. Debbie described how well the kids instantly bonded and had a wonderful experience spending time together.

“We were amazed to see Federation-supported projects like this throughout the trip, but my family also had a personal connection to Shutaf. The daughter of one of

my high school friends works there. She knew we were coming and that we’d be doing the b’nai mitzvah at Hadassah Hospital that morning. When we arrived, she and her co-workers came out with trays and trays of cupcakes they’d made — together with the children — for us to have after the b’nai mitzvah. It was such a treat... literally and figuratively, the icing on the cake.”

As each day progressed, more and more trip mates’ “light bulbs” appeared to go on. “Just a few days before, we’d been a group of travelers who happened to be on the same trip in Israel,” Debbie explained. “Now, as we shared so many moving experiences, we were connecting with each other and with Israel in a deep and meaningful way.”

The group experienced Shabbat together at the Western Wall. They visited Arad, Monmouth’s “sister community,” which has blossomed — literally and figuratively — with a thriving winery and growing artist colony, thanks to the generous support of people who contribute to Jewish Federation. They stood together at the hilltop border in the Golan, overlooking Syria, realizing just how close Israel is to its neighbors who don’t always act in a neighborly way.

But according to Debbie, there was one experience on the trip that had a special impact: a performance given by the Galilee Circus. The Galilee Circus brings Jewish and Arab teenagers together in a multi-cultural learning and performance space, where trust, overcoming fear, and non-verbal communication are essential, and the main purpose is to make people smile. “Seeing the Jewish and Arab performers working together got Sarah and all of us engaged on a whole other level,” Debbie explained. “It gave everyone a sense of true hope for peace and unity for the region.”

As Sarah tells it, My parsha at the b’nai mitzvah in Israel was “Shoftim.” It talks about appointing judges and officers and upholding laws. When I think about my parsha, I think about places we visited on the trip, and I have a deeper understanding of the need to enforce laws and protect boundaries to ensure people’s safety, and what this really means. But the kids from the Galilee Circus —they gave me hope for peace and it pulled my heart closer to Israel.

After white-water rafting, seeing the lush kibbutzim in the Golan, planting trees, seeing archaeological sites, staying over-



night in a Bedouin tent in the desert, climbing Masada, and playing in the Dead Sea mud, Sarah can’t wait to go back. She hopes to be able to do a summer or even a year-abroad program in Israel in the near future. When reflecting upon the trip with her new-found friends, she says, “I had no idea Israel was like this. We have to come back!”

*This article originally appeared on the website for the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County.*

## September Birthdays

Join us on Shabbat on September 6 as we celebrate the following birthdays with a special blessing from the Rabbi and cupcakes at lunch!

**Oliver Greenberg**  
**Sarah Krauze**  
**Dayah Sokolov**  
**Donald Solomon**  
**Maya Solomon**  
**Noah Tirado**



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

*T=Teen, JR=Junior*

- Michelle Arnel ..... T 1
- Ronald Becker ..... 5
- Marissa Buchholz..... T 1
- Andrea Colby ..... 1
- Benjamin Daniels ..... T 1
- Matthew Daniels ..... T 1
- Lawrence Dombrow ..... 3
- Marlene Fineman ..... 1
- Michael Friederwitzer... 4
- Rosalie Green ..... 1
- Bruce Greenberg ..... 2
- Jennifer Greenberg..... T 2
- Miriam Kafker ..... 1
- Randi Kestin..... 1
- Bill Markel..... 1
- Mark Rosenfield ..... 18
- Michele Rosenfield ..... 14
- Brett Schildkraut ..... 1
- David Schildkraut..... T 1
- Debbie Schildkraut ..... 1
- Sarah Schildkraut..... T 2
- Scott Schlesinger..... 1
- Stacey Sern ..... 1
- Aliza Sessler ..... T 1
- Hannah Sessler ..... T 1
- Martin Slutzky..... 2
- Arlene Smith ..... 1
- Danielle Stein..... T 1
- Eric Steinbach ..... T 1
- Stephen Traum ..... 5

**Haftarah**

- Michelle Arnel ..... T
- Marissa Buchholz..... T
- Rosalie Green
- Sidney Krane
- Sarah Schildkraut..... T
- Lisa Spiegel

**Ashrei**

- Naomi Sessler ..... JR

# NEVE KNOWLEDGE CORNER

*By Debbie Schildkraut, Education Vice President*



Our array of educational programs are primed for the new year! Take note on a few important highlights:

- **Nursery School:** Did you hear our Nursery School received NAECY (National Association for the Education of Young Children) re-accreditation? This means we offer a top-notch Nursery School that meets rigorous national standards, enabling children a safe, interactive and dynamic environment in which to learn. Kudos to **Martha Mack** and her amazing staff for all their wonderful work. Our biggest asset is you, our members. Let others know that we have a wonderful Nursery School right here at Neve Shalom. Word of mouth will keep it thriving today and into the future.
- We will continue to offer a variety of additional programs where children can learn, interact, create and do activities together!
  - **Mommy & Me** program (ages 18 months – 2 years)
  - **Just Me** program (ages 2 - 2-1/2)
  - **Kindergarten Wrap Enrichment** for children in half-day public school
  - **My Jewish Journey** monthly program on Sunday mornings for parents and pre-school aged children
- **First day of Hebrew School is Sunday, Sept 7!** Parents: Be sure to attend the kick-off meeting in the sanctuary at 9:00 am to hear important announcements about activities and exciting programs planned for our Framework for Excellence Hebrew School. Following the assembly, there will be a Youth Learning Team (YLT) meeting. We'd love to hear your feedback, so please come join us and provide valuable input for topics you'd like to have at this year's Java Nagillahs.
- **Hebrew High School:** We are excited to start another great year of Hebrew High. YLT covers Hebrew High families too! We encourage parents to attend the meetings.
- **Friday Night Shabbat Dinners:** An inexpensive and fun way to celebrate Shabbat as a community. Please consider sponsoring one of these Shabbat dinners in honor of a special occasion. Donations are needed and welcome. Please contact [hebrewschool@neveshalom.net](mailto:hebrewschool@neveshalom.net) or one of our YLT Leaders: **Debbie Schildkraut, Jamie Grubman, or Gail Schuetz.**
- **Library:** Have you stopped into the library at Neve lately? We are undergoing a transformation, to give our library a bit of a "facelift" to make it easier for all our congregants to browse books and more comfortably access and utilize the room. Donations are welcome to the Max Roller Library Fund.
- **Junior Congregation – Gift Cards are back!** Saturday morning services will be offered to all age groups *every week*. Students with exceptional attendance may be eligible to earn a \$10 gift card for attending a minimum of 6 services per half year, and a bonus gift card for attending 18 or more services for the full year. That means the potential of earning \$30 in gift cards! Specifics are available from Jeanne in the Hebrew School office.
- **After Shul Fun:** Dates are being finalized; be on the look-out for fun themed Saturdays throughout the year!



To....  
**Abbie Lieber** on the birth  
of her great-grandson  
**Avraham Aryeh Wiener**



It was a great evening in May when we honored **Audrey Napchen** and **Adam Glinn**. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were served during the cocktail hour and we were entertained by **Andrea Colby** on the piano and photographed by **Sabrina Szteinbaum** and **Ben Daniels**. The photos were shown on a video monitor during the meal in a presentation coordinated by **Dan Hirsch**.

We were entertained by the various "roasters" who regaled us with fascinating stories and anecdotes about our honorees.

I want to express my thanks for the dedication and support of our chairpersons: **Donna Coen O' Gorman** and **Helene Baum** and their committee, which consisted of **Marlene Fineman**, **Susan Goldman**, **Linda Gotlib**, **Carol Hacker**, **Sue Lass**, **Lindsay Napchen**, and **Marcia Yellin**. Thanks to **Mindy Paris-Thurer** for the layout and design of the Commemorative Ad Journal and the Journal Committee, including **Julius Feinson**, **Bruce Greenberg**, **Stacey Sern**, **Eliot Spack**, and **Madeline Tolins-Schlitt**. Invitations were designed and prepared by **Deborah Berman** and our cover was designed by **Lauren Rabinowitz**.

Thank you to the entire office staff for their helpful guidance and dedication. I would like to thank the members of Congregation of Neve Shalom. Your support, thoughtfulness and generosity throughout this event and others like it, help create a gratifying atmosphere of learning, praying and socializing in our synagogue.

Of course I would be remiss if I did not mention the honorees, for without them this event would not have been so successful. For me, it was truly an honor to work with **Audrey Napchen** and **Adam Glinn**. They were extremely generous and helpful with thoughtful insights and suggestions. They worked very hard to raise approximately \$33,000. This influx of money means so much, helping the shul to continue its programs and projects. A yasher koach to all.

**Kenneth Braverman**  
Ad Journal Chairman

## *Fifth Annual Jeff Weinstein Memorial Scholarship for 10th to 12th Graders*

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



### **Who Attends the Conference:**

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

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

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

After his early death I wanted to create an appropriate way to honor his life and what he believed in. Every year I sponsor two scholarships to Neve Shalom 10 - 12 graders to attend the AIPAC Policy Conference. This year, AIPAC's Policy Conference is March 1-3, 2015. The scholarship includes the 3 day conference, hotel and meals with other students from across the country, and round trip train tickets to Washington, DC.

In order to be considered for the scholarship please submit to Hazzan Levin a short essay entitled "Why I Want to Attend the AIPAC Policy Conference" by December 1, 2014. If you are chosen, you will be asked to share your Policy Conference experience with the congregation.

**By Karen Weinstein**



# Visiting Israel: Bonding Through Experience

By Samantha Davis

The week I went to Israel in December 2013 was one of the best of my life. I went with a small portion of my choir, The HaZamir International Jewish Teen Choir. There were 19 of us, all thrilled to arrive in our homeland. It is hard to describe the feeling you get when you first arrive, and throughout your whole visit, but I will try to explain how magical it was.

One of my favorite things occurred on our first day. We went to a fenced-in area with 20-25 sheep and goats. There we learned the ancient stories of shepherds, and how they are relevant to Jewish history. Then we were told that it was OUR turn to take the place of the shepherd! We had to collectively herd all of the sheep and goats from point A to point B, relatively 50 feet apart. We thought it wasn't going to be a problem to move them. We thought it would be easy, and we could just scare them to their destination, but to our surprise, they turned out to be extremely stubborn animals. They wouldn't budge! After about a half hour of pushing, pulling, and calling them over, we managed to persuade them to move to point B. It is extremely difficult to be a shepherd. The 19 of us struggled to move the animals for just a short distance, so it must have been extremely hard for a real shepherd to move them immense distances ages ago. This task, although a great and hilarious bonding experience, allowed us to appreciate some of our ancestors for the hard work they did, right in the land where we were standing. It was one of the best learning experiences I had while in Israel.

One of my favorite things about Israel was the sense of community we all felt. One day we had free time to walk around and shop in one of the open air markets, and it started pouring rain! We were all stranded in the market because our tour bus was a few blocks away. One of my friends ran into the rain and get completely drenched! She was FREEZING! Then she entered one of the local bakeries and was IMMEDIATELY smothered

with jackets, and blankets, and given all sorts of pastries! They were so worried about her well being, that for a second, it didn't matter that they were strangers. Just for that instant, they were neighbors caring for one another. That is the sense of community that we all felt in Israel.

Another magical thing about Israel is how ancient and authentic it is. In Jerusalem all of the buildings are made of stone, to preserve Israel's sense of holiness and its sense of community. Nearly everywhere we went in Israel, there were ancient ruins we could explore. We saw an ancient olive press, an old time wine-maker, and we even went into the ancient tunnels of Jerusalem.

One of the most wonderful experiences our group had was our hike up Masada. When we began, it was completely dark outside, but as we hiked up, the sun began to rise. It was so beautiful! When we reached the top it seemed as if we were on the top of the world! We spontaneously began singing one of our songs. It started out just a few of us, but as we went on, more and more gathered and joined in the harmony. If we were on the top of Mount Rushmore, we never would have started singing. It was a strange connection we all felt to one another that came from being on a magnificent mountaintop in our holy land. The top of Masada looked so ancient, covered by buildings, towers, and archeological digs. The geography is just part of what makes Israel's strong sense of community.

I went to Israel with a group of 19 teenagers like me, most of whom had also never been to Israel before. Before the trip, I didn't know any of them, but after the trip, we grew closer. This connection was a result of us all feeling part of the same land. If you are thinking about going to Israel, you should, and even if you have already been there, you need to go again, because the best, and only way you can really describe it, is that it just feels right. It feels like home. I am grateful to the Susy Schwartz Memorial Fund for making this trip and these experiences possible for me.



## Congregant in URGENT Need of a Kidney Transplant!

Del Du-Bois is in dire need of a kidney transplant! Del lost one kidney 46 years ago from polycystic kidney disease. He has been managing with his remaining kidney ever since. Recently, his condition has worsened and the continuing growths of cysts are severely impacting the function of this kidney.

Time is of the essence so we are reaching out to as many Neve Shalom congregants and their respective families as we can. Please help us by spreading the word to your families, friends, co-workers, and any groups you or they are affiliated with. The more people we reach the greater the probability we can find a suitable kidney donor.

If you want to be a donor or know of any potential candidates, please have them contact Del's transplant coordinator, at Robert Wood Johnson Kidney Transplant Center at 732-253-3699 and follow the prompts for the living donor program. Please say this is regarding Del Du-Bois.

On behalf of my family and myself, I thank you for helping us out. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you very much.

Barbara Du-Bois and family  
732- 981-1096



The Susy Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund Board has announced that all future Passport to Israel grants will be at a level of **\$2,000**.

Any person who received a Passport voucher will be eligible to receive up to \$2,000 regardless of what amount appears on the voucher.

## Neve Shalom Makes the Move to...



*By Dan Hirsch, Membership Vice President*

Over the past six or so months, you may have heard us discussing Shulcloud. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you something about it.

In December, 2013, Neve Shalom started using a new temple management system. For years, we had used Temple Tracker, which maintained lists of our membership, and our yahrzeits, and some of our accounting records. However, whenever anyone at Neve Shalom wanted a report, it would seem that the information just wasn't available. In addition, Temple Tracker was not compatible with our accounting system, which required double entry - once into Temple Tracker and again into the accounting program. This not only took extra time, but also may have resulted in mistakes being made.

During the Spring and Summer of 2013, **Jennifer Bullock, Howard Zuckerman** and I started looking at whether we wanted to keep using Temple Tracker. Neve Shalom had been using Temple Tracker for a long time, we discovered that it had become out-of-date, and that newer software was available that would be more effective and would enable our office staff to be more efficient. We reviewed many possible solutions and attended demonstrations of several software packages. Our committee finally decided on Shulcloud.

Shulcloud is a web-based temple management system which we feel is the best of the options available. It combines several different tasks into one location, making it easier to use to manage Neve Shalom. The following is a short list of the tasks it can perform for us:

- \* Membership Management
- \* Account Management (billing and invoicing, tracking payments, etc.)
- \* Yahrzeit Management
- \* Calendar Management
- \* Resource Management
- \* Website Portal
- \* Communications Management
- \* Event Registration and Payment Portal
- \* Greater reporting capabilities
- \* Integration with Quickbooks

In addition, Shulcloud is cloud-based, which means that we can access the site from any web browser. It also means that all transactions are backed up almost instantly, meaning that a computer crash will not endanger our data. In addition, Shulcloud uses Amazon's secure web servers to secure our data from prying eyes.

As we continue to roll out Shulcloud, we will be moving the current website (neveshalom.net) over to Shulcloud, and you will see changes to the interface and how you will interact with our on-line presence. You will be able to register for events and download a personalized calendar to your smartphone. You will be able to make payments and donations using a PayPal account and you will be able to see your statement. We will communicate to our membership via Shulcloud, and will be able to send out notices of news, yahrzeits, birthdays and anniversaries.

### How Do I Access Shulcloud?

You already have an account. If Neve Shalom has your email address, we will be sending out an email that will contain a link to sign in. If you have an issue getting access, simply send an email to Rita at [office@neveshalom.net](mailto:office@neveshalom.net), or to me at [shulcloudchanges@gmail.net](mailto:shulcloudchanges@gmail.net), and we will make sure that you can access Shulcloud. In addition, we will be providing training sessions to our members on available Sundays in September and October, to show you how easy it is to view the calendar, register for events, make payments, etc. We will be letting you know the exact dates and times for these sessions as we get closer.

We are always looking for feedback. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [shulcloudchanges@gmail.com](mailto:shulcloudchanges@gmail.com).

**New**  
**Choir Members**  
*Welcome!*

Come join the  
**Neve Shalom**  
**High Holiday Choir**

This year the choir will sing for about 15 minutes on Rosh Hashana Day One and Yom Kippur Morning in the Sanctuary. We would appreciate new voices to join us. There are very few rehearsals:

Thursdays: Sept 4, 11 & 18 at 7:30pm

No auditions For info contact  
Hazzan Sheldon Levin  
[Hazzan@NeveShalom.net](mailto:Hazzan@NeveShalom.net) 732-548-2238x14

*Neve Shalom invites you to*

**BROADWAY**  
**Selichot**

*New compositions based on traditional motifs in Broadway styles by Hazzan Levin*

**Saturday, Sept. 20 8:00pm**

*Hazzan Sheldon Levin, Rabbi Gerald Zelizer,  
Dave Schlossberg, Piano Kevin Werbel, drums*

*Dessert Reception will follow*

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**FILM PRESENTATION**  
**Sept. 20 at 9:00pm**

**Ida**

**Anna, a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland, is on the verge of taking her vows when she discovers a dark family secret dating back to the years of the Nazi occupation.**  
1 hr. 20 min. In Polish with English Subtitles

Presented by Neve Shalom Adult Ed.  
*No admission fee* *Discussion will follow*

*For information contact Hazzan Levin* [Hazzan@NeveShalom.net](mailto:Hazzan@NeveShalom.net)

# Neve Shalom Celebrates New Jersey's 350th Anniversary with the Blowing of the Shofar

By Ronald Becker

To celebrate the anniversary on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, all religious organizations, schools, colleges and universities, community centers, and local governments were invited by the State's 350th Anniversary Commission to ring their bells at 12 noon for a full minute to join in our statewide celebration. Many organizations planned to ring their bells, while those without bells celebrated in other creative ways — even ringing virtual bells online. However, the most creative celebration likely took place at Neve Shalom where shofars were blown by **Milton Miller, Eliot Spack, Jake Bullock** and **Beryl Becker** in front of a sizable crowd of over 30 people in front of the synagogue's entrance on Grove Avenue. In fact, our celebration was so unique that it was covered on the front page of the *Home-News Tribune* and then picked up by the Associated Press resulting in articles in newspapers throughout the country!

This anniversary comes 350 years after the 1664 land grant to **Lord John Berkeley** and **Sir George Carteret**, which eventually formed the state of New Jersey. Three themes have been selected for the anniversary — innovation, diversity, and liberty — to highlight what is special about the state.

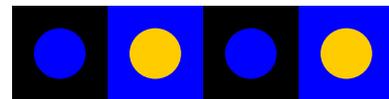
To prepare for the commemoration date, the New Jersey Historical Commission is coordinating activities and working with statewide partners to celebrate the contributions this state has made nationally and all over the world.

## Celebrate Our State!



# new jersey 350

innovation • diversity • liberty



*Neve Shalom Hebrew School Invites you on*  
**Sunday Sept. 14 to**  
**Grandparents and Special Persons Day**  
 9am Our guests will visit the classes and share stories about growing up Jewish when they were youngsters

9:45am Professional Story Teller, **Rivka Willick** will enchant us with Jewish Stories  
 Refreshments will be served. There is no charge.

*Any Grandparents or other Special Friends who can join us that morning, please call 732-548-2238 x14 and let us know you can come. You do not need to be personally related to one of our students to join us and share your experiences. All grandparents can bring their grandchildren, even if they do not belong to the synagogue.*



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*Kick Off of the Year Celebrating Rabbi Zelizer*      **Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014**  
**SCHOLAR OF RESIDENCE**  
**Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer**  
**The Conservative Rabbi :**  
**Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

Rabbi Zelizer will speak during Shabbat morning services and after lunch.  
**There will be a luncheon, catered by Lox, Stock & Deli, on Saturday after services followed by the afternoon talk.**

**\$15 per adult      \$8 per child**

**There will not be a free Kiddush that day.**  
 To register use the Shul-Cloud online form on the [NeveShalom.net](http://NeveShalom.net) website or the forms available in the lobby.



**HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE TIMES 5775/2014**

	Date		Service Times
Selichot	Saturday night, September 20	Service	8:00 PM
First Night of Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, September 24		6:30 PM
First Day Rosh Hashanah	Thursday, September 25		8:30 AM
		Minchah-Maariv	6:30 PM
Second Day Rosh Hashanah	Friday, September 26		8:30 AM
Kol Nidrei	Friday, October 3	Minchah	6:00 PM
		Kol Nidrei	6:15 PM
Yom Kippur Day	Saturday, October 4		9:00 AM
	Martyrology; Sermon; Yizkor		1:00 – 2:15 PM\
	Break		2:15 PM
		Minchah	4:45 PM
		Neilah	6:15 PM
		Shofar	7:20 PM





### Sukkot Holiday Schedule –5775/2014

October 8, Wednesday	Erev Sukkot (Mincha / Maariv)	6:30 PM
October 9, Thursday	Sukkot – First Day Mincha/Maariv	9:30 AM 6:30 PM
October 10, Friday	Sukkot – Second Day Lunch in the Sukkah - Bring your own dairy lunch Family & Traditional Service	9:30 AM
October 11, Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service Hol Hamoed Mincha/Maariv	9:30 AM 6:00 PM
October 12, Sunday	Morning Service Hol Hamoed Hebrew School lunch in the Sukkah Men's Club Spirits & Steaks in the Sukkah	9:00 AM 12:00 PM
October 13, Monday	Morning Service Hol Hamoed	6:30 AM
October 14, Tuesday	Morning Service Hol Hamoed Nursery School Pizza in the Sukkah Hebrew High Pizza in the Sukkah	6:30 AM 6:00 PM
October 15, Wednesday	Morning Service Hoshana Rabba	6:15 AM
October 15, Wednesday	Erev Shemini Atzeret & Memorial Service	8:00 PM
October 16, Thursday	Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Service	9:30 AM
October 16, Thursday	Simchat Torah Evening Service      Maariv (Hakafot) marching with Torah	6:45 PM 7:00 PM
October 17, Friday	Simchat Torah	9:30 AM

**Guess What! This year the  
Neve Shalom Goods & Services Auction  
is new and improved!**



**Save the Date!  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**A new and exciting auction is  
coming your way. Details to follow!**

**If you would like to help plan the event or  
gather donations please join the auction  
committee! For more information  
contact either Hope Serratelli  
([hotoje@aol.com](mailto:hotoje@aol.com)) or Martha Mack  
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 Yahrzeit ..... Lena Feld

## Got Simcha?

**Birthday? Anniversary? Child's Achievement?**

**Or Just Because?**

**How about sponsoring a Shabbat Kiddush at Neve Shalom The donation to sponsor is \$500.00. Kiddush will include fancy finger foods, cookies, loaf cakes, punch, coffee, tea, tuna, egg salad, cheeses, mini bagels, challah rolls, cream cheese, butter, lettuce, tomatoes and fresh fruit platters. In addition, your name will be listed in the Shabbat Shalom.**

**You could also host a Shabbat Kiddush for \$250.00. This will include cake, punch, coffee, tea, tuna, egg salad, pasta salad, hummus, green vegetable salad, mini bagels, challah rolls, cream cheese and butter. As with sponsoring, your name will be listed in the Shabbat Shalom.**



### Did you know...

**Another way to help the community enjoy a Shabbat Kiddush is to contribute to the Kiddush Kitty! The suggested donation is a multiple of \$18.00, but you can donate any amount you'd like! When the Kitty reaches \$250.00 the money will go toward funding a Shabbat Kiddush. It's a great way to enhance the Shabbat and promote community participation at Neve Shalom. It will be a "Community Kiddush," and all those who donated to the Kitty will have their names posted in a future Bulletin.**

**There will always be something served after services.**

**Thank you for your support,  
Hope Serratelli  
VP Fundraising**

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**\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in sponsoring or hosting a Shabbat Kiddush. Please contact Rita Devlin for available dates. (732) 548-2238**

**\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation to the Kiddush Kitty. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Neve Shalom. There will be no billing or credit card charges for this fundraiser.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

Try something a little different for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur this year...



Neve Shalom is pleased to introduce our first High Holiday Intergenerational Service, Sept 25 (RH1) and Oct 4 (YK) – 10a to 12p.

**Unique, Spiritual, Educational, Interactive and Fun**

Sit and learn **together** in a briefer service, specially designed to teach and inspire during this introspective season, recalling our rich tradition and instilling understanding.

**Shorter, Interactive, and Melodious – Designed for the Whole Family!**

There will be no Junior Congregation on these days; child-sitting is offered during the Rabbi's sermons and Yizkor.



# Welcome Back!!



Join us as we say  
Goodbye to Summer  
September 7, 2014



9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Activities Include:



**First Day of Hebrew School**

**Morning Minyan (9:00 am)**

**Youth Learning Team Meeting (9:45 am)**

**BBQ (Sponsored by the Men's Club) (11:00-1:00)**

**Membership Open House**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 Labor Day</b> Office closed	<b>2</b> Hebrew School teachers 4:15pm Ritual Comm 7:45 pm	<b>3</b> First day of Nursery School Nursery School Parent Orientation 7 pm	<b>4</b> Hebrew School Teachers 4:15 pm Choir 7 pm	<b>5</b> Candles 7:06 pm Services 6:30pm	<b>6 Ki Teitzei</b> Children's Service 10:15am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm
<b>7</b> First day of Hebrew School Parents Meeting 9 am Open house 9 am Youth learning team 9:40 pm USY car wash 10 am Men's Club Barbecue 10:45 am	<b>8</b> Spirit of Math 4 pm Kadima 6:30 pm Finance Comm 7:30 pm Touchdowns and Torah 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Synagogue Board 8 pm	<b>10</b> Membership 7:30 pm	<b>11</b> 55 Plus 1 pm Choir 7 pm	<b>12</b> Candles 6:55 pm Service 6:30 pm Kabbalat Tot Shabbat	<b>13 Ki Tavo</b> Chai Shabbat Children's Service 10:15am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm
<b>14</b> Blood drive 8 am-12 pm Hebrew School Grandparents Day 9 am Library Comm	<b>15</b> Spirit of Math 4 pm Touchdowns and Torah	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Choir 7 pm Youth Comm 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> Candles 6:43pm Services 6:30pm	<b>20 Nitzvaim/Vayelech</b> Children's Service 10:15am Mincha/Maariv 6:15 pm Selichot Service 8 pm Film "Ida" 9 pm
<b>21</b> Men's Club High Holy Day Chair setup 8 am	<b>22</b> Spirit of Math 4 pm Kadima 6:30 pm Touchdowns and Torah 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> Candles 6:35 pm Services 6:30 pm	<b>25 Rosh Hashanah</b> Services 8:30am Multi-Generational Service 10 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm	<b>26 Rosh Hashanah</b> Services 8:30am Children's Service 10 am Candles 6:31 pm Services 6:30pm	<b>27 Ha'Azinu</b> Shabbat Shuva Children's Service 10:15am Mincha/Maariv 6 pm
<b>28</b> Hanoar 12 pm	<b>29</b> USY 6:30 pm Touchdowns and Torah 7:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>Service Times</b> Friday evenings 6:30 pm Shabbat mornings 9:30 am Children's Service 10:15 am <b>Morning Minyan</b> Sunday and Labor Day 9:00 am Monday and Thursday 6:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am			