



From Our Rabbi....Eric Rosin



There is a Hassidic parable in the work, the *Degel Mahane Ephraim*, by Rabbi Moshe Hayim Ephraim of Sedilkov in which a ruler wants to see how devoted his subjects are so he builds a series of barriers around his palace. For years and years he hides alone within his castle, concealed and protected by barricades of stone, channels filled with water, and walls of fire.

Eventually, though, a truly wise subject encounters the fortress and realizes that no benevolent and loving monarch would ever truly separate him or herself from the inhabitants of the kingdom, and that therefore these obstructions can only be illusions.

The shrewd supplicant plunges into the moat and bursts through the fire and is vindicated when reaching the inner court of the king where she can express her praise and know that she will be heard.

Of course, when Rabbi Moshe Ephraim wrote this parable, he was thinking about how difficult it can be to discern God’s presence with all of the barriers that separate our material lives from the spiritual realm. He was encouraging us to always endeavor to see God in the world around us, even when that means looking through the mundane obligations that fill our days and demand our attention and to remember that many of the obstacles in life are little more than distractions that prevent us from concentrating on what is truly important.

The other day, though, when I was reading over this parable again, it hit me that this description of a fortified citadel may

serve as a much more literal description of Jewish involvement in general and the perception of Neve Shalom in the community in particular.

For those of us who are already members, we know that beginning on Friday evenings and truly stretching for the entire length of the Sabbath, until three stars are visible on Saturday night, our building is filled with warmth and learning and prayer and friendship. From our low-key Friday night services to the astounding attendance at our Shabbat morning services and the Kiddush lunches that follow and then resuming with the intimacy of our Shabbat afternoon service, seudat shelisheit or third meal and Havdalah, our building is literally full of activity. And that doesn’t even include our Shabbat 2.0 services, alternative services, after Shul fun and all of our other occasional Shabbat programming.

Similarly, every weekday morning, shortly after minyan concludes, the building is filled with pre-schoolers trailed by their parents as they eagerly spring into their classrooms to begin the serious work of filling the building with their chatter and their high spirits. We have weekday Hebrew School and bar and bat mitzvah lessons and every night you will find the building buzzing, whether it is with members of the Men’s Club learning over pizza and beer, or the USY planning its next event, or any of the myriad of committees and task forces working to foster the strengths and address the challenges that we face as a synagogue.

And that’s just a very quick summary,

not an exhaustive description of everything that happens here over the course of a week. I didn’t even mention our marathon Sundays! There is rarely a dull or a quiet moment at Neve Shalom.

But that’s not what it looks like from the outside if you’re not a member and you don’t know our community. If you drive or walk by the front entrance to the synagogue on Grove, you see adobe walls and opaque windows, and, if you notice the building at all, you probably assume that not much of interest goes on the other side of that imposing exterior. During my first Shabbat as the rabbi, here, I came to lead services on Friday night with Hazzan Levin and, walking up to the front entrance I found the lights inside off and the door locked and I worried that I had shown up at the wrong place! (Now we have at least put up a sign asking people to join us at the back door, near the Hayat Beit Midrash.)

Perhaps in the past this was okay. Maybe the Jewish community in this area was large enough or had been here long enough that word of mouth let people know what was really going on within our walls. Perhaps there was enough of a critical mass to maintain the health of the community even without letting people know which door to use.

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Learning as One Community

ONE COMMUNITY is our motto for Neve Shalom. This month we are including several events that can help bring together many generations and yet meet everyone's interests and needs.

On **Friday, November 3** we hold our next Community Dinner and Service. The catered dinner includes different menu options for adults and children and during the dinner the Nursery School will provide toys and activities for our youngest participants. During the service there are parts led by Hebrew School and Hebrew High School students, yet this service is designed to be one that all ages can enjoy and sing along with many familiar tunes and lots of *ruach* (energy).

RSVP: <http://www.neveshalom.net/event/community-shabbat-dinner.html>

Sunday, November 6 — our Book and Author event has grown to have books that will interest all ages. The Book Fair, which starts that day, has picture and story board books for pre-schoolers, many paperback and popular books for elementary readers and young adults, best sellers, cookbooks and so much more for adults. One of the authors who will be speaking at the Don and Ruth Kahn Book and Author Event at 10:00 am that morning has written stories for young adult and younger readers and the other three authors have recently published books for adults. There will be a separate author event for Hebrew School children and their families at 9:30 am. At noon, there will be an "American Girl Doll Tea Party" focusing on **Rebecca Rubin** and books about her. She grew up on the Lower East of New York in the early 1900s. There will also be crafts and other doll-oriented activities. This will be a wonderful day with something for everyone.

Saturday, November 19 will be another

busy day at Neve Shalom. For families with children in grades K-7 our Shabbat 2.0 service features many prayers led by the children, creative Torah learning, discussions about the prayers and great participation. At noon, children in grades 2-7 are invited for lunch and Shabbat Kef (fun) with games, activities and surprises. In the sanctuary service that morning, we have a guest speaker. **Rev. Annari Griesel, Ph.D.**, who heads the chaplaincy programs at JFK Hospital, will speak about her recent trip with Jewish Federation and other clergy to Israel and the West Bank. She is an engaging speaker and her insights as a Christian minister should be of interest to those of us who love Israel. We will have an opportunity to see it through someone else's eyes.

Sunday, November 20 is the Global Day of Jewish Learning. **Rabbi Rosin** has led this event at his previous congregation and we look forward to bringing this to our community. The JCC, Temple Emanu-El and Neve Shalom are joining forces for classes and activities which will be held at Neve Shalom. The two rabbis will teach various texts and I will be leading a sing-along of Jewish songs about creation and the environment. **Jennine Shpigel** will be running activities for younger children and our Hebrew School faculty will do theme-related lessons for older grades. My Jewish Journey (for pre-schoolers and their parents) meets that day at 11:00 am. We believe this will be a wonderful opportunity to help us all be part of one community.



IN MEMORIAM



Jonathan Zakim,
 son of
 Shelley and Stuart Zakim

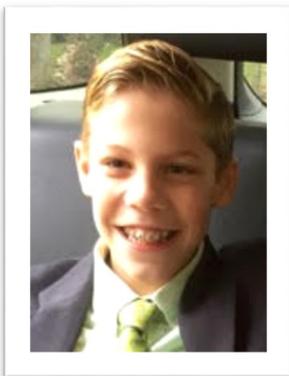
Shirley Segal,
 our member

William Bassoff,
 father of Joel Bassoff



CALLED TO THE TORAH

By Flora Cowen



Max

On Saturday, November 26, **Max Harry Rubin** will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. Max is the son of **Sheri-Rose and Seth Rubin**, and he is the brother of **Sophie**. Joining in the celebration will be **Savta Faith Rubin** from Philadelphia, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends from Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, as well as friends from Hungary.

Max is an 8th grade student at Edgar Middle School in Metuchen, where he tells us that “my favorite subjects are reading and music, but definitely not math!”

Max is involved in two sports activities: he plays sled hockey for the Woodbridge Warriors Ice Hockey team and he swims for the New Jersey Hammerheads. And, when he is not involved with his sports interests, Max loves his music, reading and listening to books, and playing video games, especially Super Smash Bros. He can be found doing all of those things simultaneously with ear phones implanted in his ears at all times. He also enjoys the family dog, Charlie, and their new kitten, Fenway.

With his family, Max has traveled to Boston, Maine, Florida, Michigan, Delaware and many beaches in New Jersey. His family reports that “Max has never seen a swimming pool he didn’t want to dive into.”

For his mitzvah project, Max will be making a donation to Chai Lifeline/Camp Simcha Special, where he attends overnight camp in the summer. Camp Simcha Special makes overnight camp possible for kids with disabilities and has provided Max with experiences such as riding in a helicopter, performing on stage, being on a radio show, and a mud run. According to Max, “Camp Simcha Special has been the best experience of my life.”

Additionally, Max shares with us that he enjoys being a madrich at Neve Shalom Hebrew School, and he likes working as a leader-in-training at the Bridgewater JCC. When he grows up, he wants to be psychologist.



Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 6

*Book and Author Events
9:30 am refreshments,
10:00 am speakers*

Family events at 9:30 am and noon.

Saturday, November 19

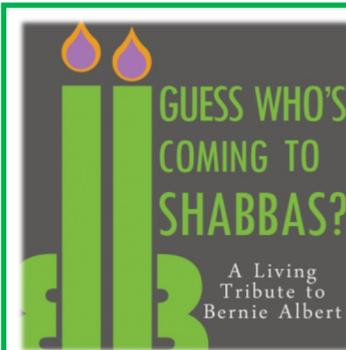
Rev. Dr. Annari Griesel will speak about a recent Federation trip to Israel for clergy.

Sunday, November 20

*We will be one of the hosts of the Global Day of Study at Neve Shalom
10:00 am to 1:00 pm*

Friday, December 16

Julian Zelizer will speak about this year’s presidential election



Neve Shalom continues to join synagogues from across the country whose members, friends and family participate in this exciting “pay-it-forward” Shabbat dinner your own way.

On Friday, November 18 congregants will host Shabbat dinner, attend a Shabbat dinner and celebrate at Shabbat services Saturday morning, where all who participated the night before will have a special communal honor.

For more information or to volunteer as a host, call **Jennifer Bullock at 908-510-4005** or **Julie Hersch at 732-494-3439**. We are looking forward to spending Shabbat together!





Hebrew School News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

SHABBAT 2.0

We continue the Shabbat 2.0 services almost every Saturday morning at 10:30 am and encourage families, children and adults, to join us in the Hayat Beit Midrash.

BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENTS

On November 6, in addition to the adult Book and Author program, which includes one of the authors who writes books for young adults, there will be two special family book events. At 9:30 am, **Ellen Bari**, author of *The Tattered Prayer Book* and *Jumping Jenny* will speak with the Hebrew School students and their parents. Her books will be available for purchase. After Hebrew School, there will be an American Girl Doll Tea Party. This will include light refreshments, crafts, a doll fashion parade, a photo booth, prizes and discussion of the books about **Rebecca Rubin** who lived on the Lower East Side of New York in 1914. All that week there will be a Book Fair with many stories for children and adults.

JEWISH MUSEUM TRIP

On November 13, grades K-10 and their families are invited to the Jewish Museum in New York. The younger grades will "dig" the archeological exhibit and older classes will be creating their own books. We depart Neve Shalom at 8:30 am. The trip costs \$7 per person. We are going by carpool and some families may select to spend the afternoon in New York City. There is Hebrew School for those not going on the trip. Register online at <https://www.neveshalom.net/event/hebrew-school-trip.html>

SHABBAT KEF

On Saturday, November 19 grades 2-7 are invited to lunch and activities and lots of fun from noon to 1:30 pm.

GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

On Sunday, November 20, as part of 500 communities in 40 countries Neve Shalom is hosting a Day of Study from 9:45 am to 12:00 noon. Adults and teens are encouraged to take classes with **Rabbi Rosin**, **Rabbi Vaisberg** of Temple Emanu-El and **Hazzan Levin**. There will be Hebrew School that morning but children will also have some special programs that are age appropriate from three year olds through grade 7. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. We invite all of our parents to join us on this special day.



Membership Memo

By Steven Schneider, Vice President, Membership

One Community. Every Jewish journey is unique. Neve Shalom is here to support you on your journey. Together, we build One Community.

The building of our Community is the driving force behind all the work we are doing on the Membership Committee. The mission of the Membership Committee includes the following:

1. To increase awareness of Neve Shalom in the greater community.
2. To encourage members to understand that their relationship with the synagogue is part of their lifelong Jewish journey and to strive to find out how we can help members on their journey.
3. To reach out to understand how members can contribute their experience and talents to the richness of our Community.
4. To increase awareness of and participation in the synagogue's activities, and to enhance members' understanding of our accomplishments.

I took over the responsibilities of Membership Vice President in August and we have put together a terrific committee. Along with our committee chairperson, **Jaclyn Danziger**, we include those that have been members of Neve Shalom for many years as well as a number of people who have recently finished the Sulam for Emerging Leaders program led by **Rabbi Rosin**. We have been working hard over the past few months to improve on existing communication systems and put together some exciting new programs and initiatives.

Starting in September, we started our first of nine Community Shabbat Dinners. Resulting from the overwhelming positive response of the few community dinners we have had in the past couple of years and with the success of the YLT



dinners, this was formalized for this year. If you have not already signed up for the dinner on November 4 or any future dinners, please visit www.NeveShalom.net/OneShabbat or call the office to register.

Building One Community requires that we all work together and support each other. This is important, fun, and rewarding work. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please do not hesitate to let me know via email at membership@neveshalom.net or in-person.



**NO HEBREW
SCHOOL
Sunday,
November 27**



Adult Ed News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

BOOK AND AUTHOR EVENT

On November 6, we will present four writers of recently published books.

Amy Gottlieb: *The Beautiful Possible*, **Ben Nadler:** *The Sea Beach Line*, **Sigal Samuel:** *The Mystics of Mile End* and **Ellen Bari:** *The Tattered Prayer Book* are the authors and their new books. At 9:30 am free refreshments will be available. At 10:00 am each writer will speak and answer questions. At around noon you can purchase these books and have them signed. This annual event, in memory of **Donald and Ruth Kahn**, brings hundreds of people to Neve Shalom and is an important program for our entire community. That day there will also be a Book Fair, a Children's book event, which parents are urged to attend, and afterwards an "American Girl Tea Party" focusing on books about **Rebecca Rubin**, and her story as a Jewish girl in New York around 1914. Please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

SHABBAT SPEAKER

Our first speaker in the Gilbert and Claudie Hayat Shabbat Series this year will be **Reverend Annari Griesel, Ph.D.** She has been the Director of Pastoral Care for JFK Medical Center in New Jersey since 1996, where she supervises chaplain interns for



Rev. Annari Griesel, Ph.D.

all faiths and where she develops hospital-community relations. She received her Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in Pastoral Theology and is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church. She also has taught at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She developed a wide range of connections with various faith traditions and served as President of the Metuchen-Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association. She participated in a study tour group to Turkey, sponsored by the Peace Islands Institute. She was also part of a delegation to Israel where she consulted with pastoral care leaders on development of clinical pastoral education in hospitals. This past February, Dr. Griesel again visited Israel and the West Bank meeting with persons seeking dialogue, understanding and peace initiatives. As a native South African, and a chaplain for over 25 years, she brings an under-

standing and love of culturally and religiously diverse populations.

Her talk on Shabbat morning and after lunch on November 19 "Standing on Holy Ground: Living into Shalom/Salaam/Peace in the Holy Land" will include her impressions of that area from the point of view of a Christian minister.

GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

On Sunday, November 20, Neve Shalom will be the local host of an event that is taking place in 50 countries and more than 400 communities. This day of study was the brainchild of the famous scholar **Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz**. The Middlesex JCC, Temple Emanu-El and Neve Shalom will hold our communal program at Neve Shalom. It starts with morning minyan at 9:00 am. At 9:45 am **Rabbi David Vaisberg** will speak about "Ruler, Steward, Servant: Humanity's Relationship with Nature". **Hazzan Sheldon Levin** at 10:30 am will lead a sing-along of songs of creation and the environment. Refreshments will be served at 11:00 am. At 11:15 am, **Rabbi Eric Rosin** talks about planting for the future. Throughout the morning there are activities for children ages 3-13 lead by **Jennine Shpigel** and the Neve Shalom Hebrew School faculty. (There IS Hebrew School that morning.)



Nursery School News

By Martha Mack, Director

The Nursery School is off to a wonderful start! We celebrated Rosh Hashanah by creating artwork, listening to stories, singing songs, and dipping the apples in the honey for a sweet new year. In keeping with the essence of Yom Kippur, we reinforced the concept of how to say we are sorry and ask forgiveness, as well as to forgive others. We all shook the lulav and the etrog and ate our pizza lunch together with our families in the sukkah on Sukkot, and we marched seven times around with our stuffed Torahs as we sang and danced on Simchat Torah. What an active and exciting month we shared together!

As of Friday, November 4 we will be welcoming a new program to our Nursery School, "Mommy, Music, & Me!" A one hour a week program designed for moms/caregivers and their infants from ages 3 – 12 months old where we will sing, dance, and laugh together. Not only will we be creating a warm and nurturing musical learning experience for young families and their babies, but it will also be a wonderful way for young families to meet and get to know each other. In addition, as of November, on Wednesdays afternoons we will cheer

the return of Rover Soccer with **Spencer Rockman** who offers soccer skills and so much more to our pre-school aged children. These are two wonderful programs intended to provide additional options for musical and physical education for our Nursery School families.

We have begun our school year with a thriving "Just Me" program that meets on Wednesdays from 9:15 am - 11:15 am for the 2 to 2-1/2 year old crowd. As of November, we will be opening it up to both Mondays and/or Wednesdays. If you, or someone that you know, is interested in this or any of our Nursery School programs please feel free to have them contact **Martha Mack**, Nursery School Director at 732-548-2238, ext. 17 or Nurseryschool@neveshalom.net to arrange for a personal tour of the facility.



ILLUMINATION

By Chef Lon

This month some members of the Jewish faith who will participate in the celebration of Loi Krathong (sometimes written Loy Krathong). What, you have never heard of it? That is because it is not actually a Jewish holiday, but an annual celebration in many regions of Thailand. It is celebrated by many individuals that identify themselves as JuBus (or BuJus) – Jewish Buddhists. In this article, I am not going to go into “how” someone can observe these two practices; instead, I will discuss the similarities between Judaism and Buddhism in a cultural sense as well as through shared culinary practices.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Although the Loi Krathong is translated as “to float the box,” in English, it is also known as the “festival of lights”. This holiday is celebrated by placing a candle onto a floatable box and releasing it onto the water. The origin of the holiday is not known. Some believe it may have begun in honor a water deity. The legend says that after Nama Noppomas (the consort of the king) gave the king a leaf cup, and the king floated it down the river. Another belief is that the celebration has its roots directly from Buddha – and shows respect to him during his visit to the Naramaha River. Others celebrate in such a manner to show respect to their elders and/or ancestors. Lights are widely used in Judaism for celebration (e.g., Shabbat candles, Havdalah candles, menorah, etc.) and mourning. **[Fast Fact:** The Hindu celebrate Diwali, which is their own “festival of lights” in celebration of the coming of the autumn.] It is also interesting to note that some of the floating boxes are made from bread so that when it “sinks,” it can be eaten by fish – which reminds me of the Jewish ritual of tashlikh, in which Jews cast away their sins by throwing bread into the water to be eaten by the fish.

TEN TO EIGHT

Unlike the Christian and Muslim religions, which have their origins in Judaism, Buddhism evolved separately. Buddhism has its roots in the 5th century BCE, with a man named **Siddhartha Guatma**, who is the historical Buddha. He was the founder of a small sect, which grew over the years and spread to different regions of the world. **[Fast Fact:** Some Buddhist sects believe him to be a god, while others only revere him for being a great teacher and leader.]

At the core of both religions is a set of moral/ethical rules to adhere to. In Judaism, the Ten Commandments are at the heart of the Torah and Jewish law, which resembles the Noble Eight Fold Path of Buddhism. Although they are worded differently, the tenets of both revolve around the idea that a person should respect themselves, and everyone (and everything) around them.

Ten Commandments: You shall 1) have no other gods before me, 2) make no idols, 3) not take the name of God in vain, 4) keep the Sabbath day holy, 5) honor your mother and father, 6) not murder, 7) not commit adultery, 8) not steal, 9) not bear false witness against your neighbor, 10) not covet.

Eightfold Path: 1) Right Mind, 2) Right Intention, 3) Right Speech, 4) Right Action, 5) Right or Honest Livelihood, 6) Right Effort, 7) Right Mindfulness, and 8) Right Concentration.

HOW TO FEED A JUBU

Although most dishes thought to be traditionally Buddhist are vegetarian, some sects do allow their members to eat meat (although there are restrictions). For instance, those in the Theravdan sect

obtain their meals from alms, which may include donations of meat. However, many sects do include sutras (rules) that forbid the eating of meat so that no harm will come of living animals. The sects in East Asia take this one step further and will not harm any living thing, so any plant that may be killed from consuming/harvesting is restricted, such as root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, etc.). They also do not consume addictive foods and drinks, such as alcohol, drugs, and tobacco; however, caffeine, especially in tea is allowed because the “addiction” is mild, and the benefits of tea are enormous.

Since all vegetables are kosher, most Buddhist dishes are de facto kosher as well (depending on what is added to the dish), with the most popular being stir-fried vegetables. **[Fast Fact:** Although vegetables are kosher, insects are not; so a vegetable that is infested with bugs, may be inedible if they are not cleaned out.] So if you ever have a dinner guest that is following Buddhism, break out with your favorite vegetarian dish.

Note: This was the first of a series of articles I will be presenting every few months highlighting the similarities between Judaism and other religions and cultures, especially their food. I hope you enjoy them.

The Recipe

Ingredients

For this month I am providing an easy to make dish I prepared for last year’s Pasta Night. The sauce was served over wide noodles, but could also be used to add flavor to many other dishes and can almost be used as a satay.



This month I present **Nam Chim Sate Nga (Thai Noodles with Sesame Sauce)**. I created this dish to serve a large number of guests, so you will need to adjust it if making just for your family.

Directions and ingredients (serves 40)

1. In a blender, mix together:

1 ¼ cups honey	½ cup + 2 Tbs. olive oil
1 ¼ cups smooth/creamy peanut butter	1/3 cup sesame oil
1/3 cup crunchy peanut butter	4 Tbs. minced garlic
1 tsp coconut flavoring	¼ cup ginger root
¾ cup soy sauce	2 Tbs. red pepper flakes
½ cup rice vinegar	

2. Taste, adjust, re-blend.

3. Serve over your favorite pasta (wide noodles recommended)

Keep Cookin’ — Chef Lon

Neve Shalom Nursery School ... *Where the Twos are Never Terrible*

By Debbie Schildkraut, Vice President, Education

In the heart of our synagogue, lives a bright and happy place, filled with creativity and inspiration for young, developing and inquiring minds! Our Neve Shalom Nursery School provides a warm, loving and nurturing environment for children starting in Mommy and Me Programs at age two, up through our Kindergarten Wrap Program. Children, parents and staff have called it their second home!

This month, let's learn more about our teacher for the 2 year-old class: **Tobi Weiss**.

How long have you been teaching at Neve Shalom Nursery School?

I started working at Neve Shalom's Nursery School 12 years ago when we moved into the area.

What do you think sets it apart from other schools?

I used to live and work at a preschool in Denver that had more than 300 kids between the ages of two and five. The size of Neve is so different and intimate, that there's such a warmth and feeling of family. Even the staff stays for a long time. Everyone – the kids and staff - are all very comfortable with each other. In a bigger setting, things are more impersonal. Here when the kids move class-to-class each year, we get to really watch them grow up. This makes Neve really special!

Do you have a few special memories from teaching here that you'd like to share?

When you teach the two year olds, every minute is a funny and special situation. Every day they say or do something that is so fun. I love seeing things through their eyes, because everything is so new to them. It's a daily thing – what they say, what they do, how they act with their peers.

What made you stay working here?

It is this very warm and friendly environment. I didn't know anyone when I moved here, and my co-workers have all become very good friends. The families are great to work with...very friendly, caring and warm.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

I've been teaching for over 30 years. I especially like working with the two year olds because I feel like I give them the opportunity to do and see things that they've never done before. It's watching those WOW moments with them all the time. It's really fun to watch them experience things. They're lively, fun, and we laugh a lot.

What made you decide to be a teacher?

Even in high school, I knew I wanted to teach and knew I wanted to teach younger kids. When I finished high school, that first summer I worked at a preschool summer camp. I was very fortunate to work with an amazing teacher, and I fell in love with it. I knew it was my calling and what I wanted to do.

Any other favorite teaching moments?

The holiday I love to teach them about the most is Passover. They are just wowed by that particular story. We do a lot of hands-on activities. I teach them the history. We talk a lot about Ancient Egypt, look at pictures, and build pyramids out of different materials. Then, I move into how we celebrate this foundational holiday, and they are fascinated.

What does Neve Shalom Nursery School Director – Martha Mack – have to say about Morah Tobi?

"Morah Tobi is such an integral part of our Nursery School. She is the first teacher that many of our Nursery School students encounter when they enter our Mommy & Me, Just Me, or 2 1/2 year old class. She is so warm and nurturing, all of her students and their families fall in love with her! Morah Tobi understands the development and the behaviors of our little ones and continues to offer them opportunities to discover and explore. It takes a special person to work with this age group. It requires infinite patience, experience, and a lot of love. How lucky we are that we have Morah Tobi, who has all of those attributes and more, here with us at Neve Shalom Nursery School."

Nursery School Information:

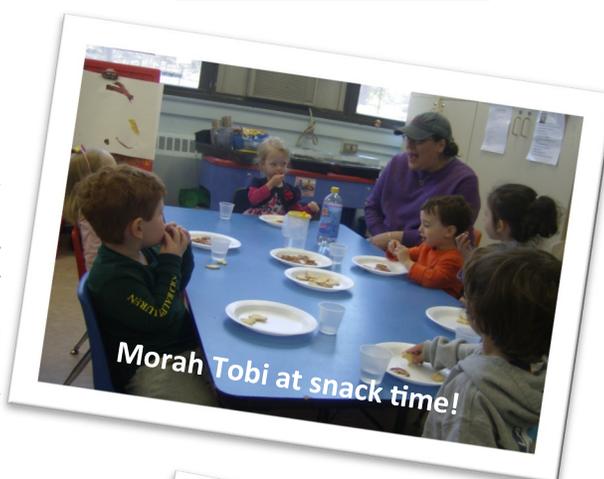
Neve Shalom Nursery School is a NAEYC accredited preschool which lets families in our community know that we hold ourselves to the highest professional standards and that children in our program are receiving the best care and early learning experiences. In addition to our core Nursery School classes, we also offer Mommy & Me, Just Me, and a Kindergarten Wrap program. In November, we are starting up an infant group for babies (from 3 - 18 months) that will meet once a week called "Baby Sing." We also have

extended hours available from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, so we can customize a child's school experience to suit the scheduling needs of the family.

"My Jewish Journey" is a separate program offered once a month on Sundays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm for families with children ages 3-5. The program explores Jewish holidays through art, music, cooking, stories and games. Cost is partially subsidized by a generous donor.

Questions?

Please contact **Martha Mack**, Director at 732-548-2238 ext. 17, or nurseryschool@neveshalom.net



GETTING TO KNOW . . .

Profile by Ruth Candeub

Our spotlight now turns to **Amy Bitterman**, who joined Neve Shalom in 2015. You can meet her at children's services and at family dinners which she attends with her nine-year old son Lev. Born in Edison, Amy is a legal writing instructor at Rutgers Law School and a writer of short stories.

An appreciation of the liberal arts came early to her. When she was a young child, her parents introduced her to art museums, concerts, and theatre. A "wonderful" Latin teacher in her high school made Greek theatre (read in English translation) come alive to her. All of these experiences provided a "jump start" on the path she has made for herself.

At the age of 16, after three years of high school, she made up her mind that she was ready for college. A letter to Douglass College requesting early admission brought an early acceptance.

After two years at Douglass, she transferred to Bryn Mawr College where she combined her first ambition to be an historian with her love of art, for a major in art history. "Art," Amy explains, "is so wonderful because you can approach it from all areas of thought: politics, religion, history, connoisseurship."

A fitting graduation gift from her parents was a trip to Florence. It was no surprise that Amy fell in love with Italy. For a year she lived in Rome where she worked for a newspaper. She also taught English there.

Exciting times continued. Amy's first job back in the U.S. was Off-Broadway working for Playwrights Horizons. There she did whatever needed to be done as assistant to the literary manager and the development director. Her path to the future next found her putting her skills to work uptown as an assistant in an art gallery. She did this for two years, but her energies and wit were on a continuum, always seeking new adventures. Harvard Law School beckoned.

Once she completed her J.D. there, she worked successively for law firms in New York and New Jersey until the most recent switch, this time to Rutgers Law School, first in Camden and now in Newark where she currently teaches legal writing and oral argument to first-year law school students. As Amy puts it, "Who can deny the importance of thinking clearly and of writing clearly?"

As a writer, her short stories have been published in a number of places, including *Chicago Quarterly Review*, *Lilith*, *Cream City Review*, *Folio*, and *Poetica*, among others. She received a Special Mention for the 2015 Pushcart Prize. She is presently working on a novel. Politics and history figure prominently in the story.

As for her leisure reading, at the top of her night table pile at this time are *Safe Conduct*, a novel by Peter Vansittart, and *Vampires in the Lemon Grove*, a book of short stories by Karen Russell.

Amidst all the activity in Amy's life, nine years ago, she became a single mom. Her son Lev, who will be going into the fourth grade at the Sundance School in Plainfield, started in pre-school at Neve Shalom and is now in the Kef class. Amy is very pleased with the Jewish education Lev is receiving. Another benefit, as so many young families agree, is that Neve Shalom "provides a sense of community." Amy reports, "The core of families who started their children together has stayed together through the years."

Formerly a congregant at Temple Emanuel, Amy maintains a strong identification with Judaism and is working to pass that on to Lev. In her household, she keeps the holidays, her favorite being Passover with its spiritually uplifting story.

Amy's household also includes her sister **Susan**, the owner of a pet care business. Susan's interests are shared with Lev who is very attached to **Spike** and **Dee**, two cats he chose from an animal shelter.



Amy Bitterman

American Girl Tea Party

Sunday November 6, 2016

12:00-2:00 pm

Ages 5 and up

At Neve Shalom



Tea and Fabulous Activities

Bring your favorite doll to Congregation Neve Shalom in Metuchen and help celebrate Jewish Book Month by learning about Rebecca Rubin, an American Girl historic character, who grew up on New York City's Lower East Side during the peak of America's immigration period in 1914. Invite your friends, all are welcome! Light refreshments to be served.

Join us for this special event! Here is a quick peek into the exciting activities planned:

- ◆ Girl/Doll Jewelry Craft
- ◆ Doll Fashion Parade
- ◆ Photo Booth Props for sensational photos*
- ◆ Games, prizes and more!

\$25 per each child accompanied by one favorite adult, siblings only additional \$10. No charge for dolls.

Reservations required by **10/15**. Seating is limited. Register Early.

Register at <http://www.neveshalom.net/event/an-american-girl-tea-party.html>

* Link to sensational photos will be sent after the event



Neve Shalom



Israel on My Mind

By Linda Gotlib

One of the best parts about visiting Israel is meeting Israelis. What better way than to stay in their home at a bed and breakfast. This is a different experience than staying in a hotel. Israel's version of the bed and breakfast is called a "zimmer". Each is different, whether it is on a kibbutz, in a big city or small town, in the desert or up in the north. Each owner takes special pride, not only in making you comfortable but in their community, in Israel and in their own story. Accommodations range from luxurious to a bit rustic and tend to be where Israelis stay when they go on vacation. Here are some of my favorites.

Near Tiberius, in the village of Tsiptori, an American and his Israeli wife, offer bungalows high on a hilltop overlooking spectacular views of Arab villages. The bungalows all have fireplaces and patios. You can test your farming skills by gathering eggs for breakfast from the owner's chicken coop. Caves used in the Sanhedran era are within walking distance. At night, twinkling lights from the stars above and from the villages below compete with each other. As we left the next morning the owner ran after our car with cheese and fruit for the road.

In the middle of the Negev, Kibbutz Ma'asebe Sde, near Kibbutz Sde Boker (Prime Minister **David Ben Gurion's** home and site of his burial) provides rustic apartment units and the typical Israeli breakfasts. The pool, enclosed in winter, is available year round. During one of my stays there we fell asleep to the sound of singing from an Israeli army unit staying in units near ours. Another time it was to the deafening roar of jets from a nearby air force base. The kibbutz has beautifully manicured lawns and raises a variety of farm animals including horses and cows that you can visit.

Tsfat has numerous zimmers. The one we stayed at was in an old Arab home being renovated by the owner. Breakfast was minimal but the owner made sure to leave a bottle of wine for us. The home was set back in a small neighborhood reachable only by foot through a warren of little passageways. Every evening we got lost, called the owner and he patiently talked us back to the house.

On Kibbutz HaGoshrin, located in the North near the Lebanese border, we stayed at home of one of the kibbutzniks who had converted his second floor. He made sure to tell us the best restaurants, what to see and how to

get around the area. When we woke up the next morning after a sandstorm, he was washing the dirt off our car.

Rosh Pina offered another insight into the warm and friendly Israeli home hospitality. Again, our hostess told us the places we should visit in Rosh Pina. As we were leaving she gave us a cookbook of challah recipes written by her daughter.

At each zimmer we enjoyed meeting the owners and learning their story. Some were new immigrants and others had lived in Israel for generations. They told us how their families came to Israel, shared their experiences during Israel's good and bad times and told us about their children. It was clear that they all loved running zimmers, mostly to meet people than for any other reason. Our stays at zimmers have provided some of our fondest memories of Israel and gave us the opportunity to connect in a very personal way to this special place.

Simply Google search for "Zimmer Israel" and check out your options.

(Pictured at right, a Golan Heights getaway.)



Sisterhood Membership Appreciation

Susan Leviton

Women's Voices in Yiddish Song

Bringing Yiddish Culture into the 21st Century

Monday November 14 at 6:30 pm

At Neve Shalom. Dinner will be served. All are invited.

Sisterhood Members attend for free!

Guests are welcomed for \$20

Torah Fund Circles will be drawn

RSVP is a must by 11/7 Included with your Sisterhood Dues \$36 Kindly pay in advance or at the door.

Barbara Cohen 732-321-0670 or barbmcs@aol.com

With Susan's earthy voice and Yiddish songs as a roadmap, we'll explore a wide range of life experience that women have sung about and continue to express: cradle songs, love and courtship songs, labor movement and Bundist songs, songs which capture women's experiences of the Holocaust period, and Yiddish songs by contemporary composers.. No Yiddish knowledge is assumed. English translations will accompany Susan's singing and story-teller's introductions, so prepare to be surprised and delighted to find yourself in songs you've never heard before!

To mark the one-year anniversary of the Loom Room, we would like to invite you to bring your weaving to display. It has been an incredible year for the Loom Room. Our weavers have created tallitot, tallit bags, tefillin bag and challah covers. We are so pleased to have been able to provide this opportunity to so many women, men and children.

Please join us so you can "show-off" your accomplishment and through your enthusiasm, encourage others to experience the joy of creating a Jewish heirloom.

Men's Club Minute

By Steven Schneider, Men's Club President

I hope everyone had a wonderful High Holy Day season. Now that the new year is in full swing, we have a few exciting programs in November.

As part of our monthly meeting, this year we have invited **Bob Chalfin** to discuss "The Economics of Minor League Baseball Teams". Bob is a long time member of Neve Shalom and resident of Metuchen. He owns minority interests in three minor league baseball teams. One November 3 he will speak about the economics of this unique component of American culture. In addition to being an attorney and a CPA, for the past 26 years Bob has been a lecturer in Management at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he teaches courses to MBA candidates on business acquisition and real estate entrepreneurship.

This should be an interesting introduction to a topic with which many of us are not familiar. I hope to see you all there.

Every year, Men's Club chooses a Man of the Year and a Youth of the Year as part a regional event to recognize those that have made significant contributions to our clubs and our communities. This recognition will take place on Wednesday, November 9. If you have not already signed up for the dinner, please let us know as soon as possible

The Neve Shalom Man of the Year is **Ron Becker**. Ron has been involved in Men's Club for his entire tenure at Neve Shalom. He was instrumental in founding Men's Club and many of the programs and initiatives we have are due to Ron's direction. **Ben Daniels** will be honored as our Youth of the Year. Ben was elected by his peers as the current USY President and has been an active participant in youth activities around Neve for years.

Finally, with a short hiatus for the holidays, Torah on Tap is back on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm.



Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah during the month of September.
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Putting My Journey into Words

By Arielle Kafker

From Our Rabbi...Eric Rosin

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I was beginning my last weekend in Jerusalem and feeling uneasy. I grabbed a drink and my laptop and headed outside my apartment. The heat had broken to a blissfully cool evening, as all Jerusalem nights eventually do. I opened a Word document and eyed the blank screen, reflecting on what I had to say about my journey thus far, one that I was able to take thanks to the Passport to Israel I received from the Susy Schwartz Memorial Fund. I thought about how connected I felt to Israel and how protective of it I had become. I thought about the historical, cultural, and spiritual richness of the Old City and the vitality and fraternity of the Mahane Yehuda Market at 11:00 pm on a Thursday.

Being on Onward Israel Government and Public Policy, I thought about the politics. Through my internship, speakers, and trips both independent and facilitated by my program, my views were challenged, deepened, and changed every day. I realized all the situations in which my gut believed one thing and my head another. And I realized that these complexities are the reality of living in Israel. Your most primal instinct of survival is doing whatever needs to be done to protect yourself and your own, while your most fundamental humanity is preserving the dignity of each human being. Your stress response is to make distasteful jokes when you know they aren't funny, and your love of where you are makes you sing and dance at every opportunity even though you live in a conflict zone. Having finally grasped this—and the tricks of pushing through crowds and not waiting on lines— I realized that my shaliach (Israeli fellow) from Rutgers Hillel was right when he told me over coffee I was now “half Israeli.”

I sipped on my drink and appreciated all the things I had learned and people I had learned them from; and more than anything I appreciated all the things I had yet to learn. There was the Israeli who had thanked me for arguing with him for four hours about politics. There was another Israeli who explained that people smoked so much because of the pressure. There was the Swiss man who described the perception of Israel in his home country. There were the Eritreans and Darfurians we saw on the streets of South Tel Aviv who made us aware of the tenuous situation of Israel's refugees. There was the Palestinian journalist who had been imprisoned in Syria for fourteen years and is



now fighting for a better life for his people than what Hamas and UNRWA are giving them. There was the Frenchman who was afraid to return home and face the immutable anti-Semitism. There was the Orthodox rabbi in the Old City who gave me my first experience of staying up all night for a Shavut limud (study session), and there were all the people sporting different garb and speaking different languages flooding the Kotel at 4:30 am. There was the Palestinian woman my heart went out to who had to produce papers in order to move about in her own city, and there was the soldier checking papers and putting himself at risk so I could move freely in a city I also considered my own. There was **Binyamin Netanyahu** looking at **Hertzl's** grave and thanking him on his memorial day. And there were those of all different nationalities and backgrounds who gave me enough of their time to tell me their stories.

There was Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and the Dead Sea. There was Sachne, Haifa, and the eye-opening East Jerusalem. There was Negba, Sderot, and the Gaza border. There was Ein Gedi, Eilat, and for me, even Jordan. There were kibbutzim and youth hostels and my beautiful apartment. There was hummus, falafel, jahnun, kube, and rugelach. There was Hebrew, Arabic, English, and French. There were secular, religious, and everything in between. There was history and there was present, tradition and modernism. And all of these seemingly dichotomous, or at least disparate, things are what make Israel what it is.

I closed my laptop, realizing that I could never fully articulate my emotions. I shuffled over a block and sat down overlooking the lights of Jerusalem. And in that moment, with my drink in hand, my earbuds in, and Jerusalem laid out in front of me, I was content.

But this is a new era. Now we are like that king, hiding behind those front walls and hoping that the truly dedicated will realize that the face that we present to the rest of the world is just an illusion and that we really want people to join us.

I am excited that we are beginning to remedy this situation and working to be more open to those who don't yet know us. Since I've arrived, we've developed a new logo and a new tag line and we are actively engaged in creating more and more attractive programming and letting people know about it. As just two examples out of many, I couldn't be more thrilled about our new monthly Community Friday Night Dinners at the synagogue or our home-based, Guess Who's Coming to Shabbos programs. What great ways to show people how much positive energy our community offers any who would like to participate. But each member can help us still more. Whatever activities, services or programs you enjoy at Neve Shalom, think about people whom you know in this Jewish community who might enjoy participating in them with you and invite them to join you. Show them how easy it is to walk or drive past our imposing front entrance and show them everything that they can find and appreciate when they enter through the door from the parking lot and they join us for a meal, a class, a service, a concert or any of the other activities that might help them to feel the sense of community that we hold so dear.

It's time to let down the figurative walls that we've been hiding behind and to invite the rest of the community to join us.



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“My Jewish Journey”

Come join us for a very special Jewish learning experience for you and your preschool aged child (ages 3 – 5). Starting in September 2016, each month there will be a one hour 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.

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

September 25th October 30th November 20th December 18th January 29th
February 26th March 26th April 23rd May 21st

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

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

“My Jewish Journey” – Neve Shalom Nursery School

Parent’s Name(s): _____ Child’s Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please return bottom of form to Neve Shalom Nursery School and include payment of \$36.



*Dream Weavers
in the
Neve Shalom Loom Room*

For more information and to schedule *your* time on the loom, contact: **Cory Schneider** at 717-574-1807 or corstan65@gmail.com or **Jennifer Bullock** at 732-906-8565 or rnjbullock@aol.com.



Linda Gelfand shows off the tallit woven for her future son-in-law. It will first be used to wrap around the couple during their wedding ceremony.

Petals and Pies

The Neve Shalom Youth Committee is delighted to once again offer elegant floral centerpieces designed by the talented artists at Gardenia's Floral and scrumptious homemade (at Neve) pareve pies—baked with the assistance of our own USYers.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your Thanksgiving dinner—whether you are a guest or hosting. Order your "Petals and Pies" now! By supporting the Youth Fund, you are helping to provide subsidies and other services for our children!

Deadline: Orders must be placed by **November 13th**

Pick-up: Neve Shalom-Wednesday, **November 23th**
from 2:00 – 6:00pm.

To order: Send a check along with the order form to:

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Name: _____

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TOTAL \$ _____

Questions? Contact Cathy Salamon @ 732.319.9884 or cathlin.salamon@gmail.com





Adult Education Committee, Library Committee,
Youth Learning Team
Neve Shalom **Presents on Sunday, November 6, 2016**

The Donald & Ruth Kahn Book & Author Event

Meet authors of recently published books and hear their stories.
Books will be available for sale; authors will sign after program.
Program begins at **10:00 AM** with refreshments available at **9:30 AM**.

Amy Gottlieb *The Beautiful Possible*
A fable for the modern era; a love story steeped in biblical text and mystical yearning.

Ben Nadler *The Sea Beach Line*
A NY coming of age tale which melds pulp fiction and traditional Jewish folklore.

Sigal Samuel *The Mystics of Mile End*
A family is pulled to Jewish mysticism in this saga about faith, love, and loss.

Ellen Bari *The Tattered Prayer Book*
A gentle introduction to the Holocaust. Will also discuss an interactive multimedia encyclopedia of the Holocaust created for US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

BOOK FAIR Browse and shop for all new Judaic & secular books for adults, teens and kids. Book Fair supporting Neve Library runs November 6-13, 2016.

CHILDREN'S BOOK EVENT 9:30AM Join the Neve Shalom Hebrew School to hear from Ellen Bari, author of *The Tattered Prayer Book* and *Jumping Jenny* before she speaks at the Book & Author Event. Book signing. Adults welcome.



Neve Shalom Adult Education Committee
and the Gilbert and Claudie Hayat Speaker Series
present

Rev. Annari Griesel, Ph. D.

Director of Pastoral Care for JFK Medical Center

Standing on Holy Ground: Living into Shalom/Salaam/Peace in the "Holy Land"

Israel through the eyes of a non-Jewish minister

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 at the 9:30am service
Discussion will continue after lunch
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The annual Neve Shalom library fundraiser will offer:

- Judaic and Secular Fiction and Nonfiction Books
- Hebrew Books, Cookbooks, Memoirs and More
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Stop by between Sun., Nov. 6th - Sun., Nov. 13th

We'll be open during the Donald & Ruth Kahn Book and Author Event on Nov. 6th
Additional times to be announced closer to the event

We accept special orders. Contact Melissa Schilowitz at MelissaBG@yahoo.com to place yours

Book Fair volunteers are urgently needed.
To help, contact Melissa Schilowitz at MelissaBG@yahoo.com



Neve Shalom JEWISH MUSEUM Trip

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016

Children Grades K-10 and their parents and siblings
*Go by CARPOOL to the JEWISH MUSEUM, 1109 Fifth Avenue (and 92nd Street)
*At the Museum we will divide into two groups for guided tours and hands-on activities. Younger grades will "dig" the archeology exhibit, older students will create paper and books.

- Families can either return after the trip or continue on to stay in NYC

Fees: \$7 per person
<https://www.neveshalom.net/event/hebrew-school-trip.html>

Please plan to join us. (There will be class for students who do not attend the trip.)
Info: 732-548-2238x14 Hazzan@NeveShalom.net



Neve Shalom **Shabbat 2.0** 
grades K-7 10:30 –noon
Nov. 5, 12 & 19

Nov 19, 2016 **Shabbat Keif After Shul Fun**
Grades 2-7 Fall Fun
Lunch & Fun: Noon–1:30pm
Come hang out with your friends after Shul.
We'll have the gym to ourselves & play awesome games!
Enjoy basketball, nok hockey, gaga, bingo, board games, twister,



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Come join the fun and excitement on
Saturday, Dec 17th 2016 at 7:30 pm

- Table seating with dairy snacks and soft drinks served at no additional charge, BYOB if you desire!
- Faster paced live auction!
- Tricky tray, raffles, mystery items, and fun giveaways!
- Temple members become eligible to win a \$50 Visa gift card if they bring a non-member to the auction!

**Admission price is only \$10 per person
in advance or \$15 per person at the door.**
(Advance price available only thru December 9th...no exceptions!)

**Please either log onto shulcloud to make your payment at:
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Join us in welcoming Shabbat
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Select Friday evenings – dates below
6:00pm Catered dinner
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Neve Shalom



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Mommy, Music, and Me!



Come join us each week on Friday mornings from 10 – 11 am for a fun, interactive musical experience for you and your infant (ages 3 – 12 mos).

Designed specifically for mom (or caregiver) and their babies to create, listen, sing, wiggle, jump, and dance to music. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other young families and socialize in a warm and inviting setting.

Our first session will be on Friday, November 4th and the program is absolutely free. We ask that you please RSVP to Martha Mack, Nursery School Director at 732-548-2238 ext 17 or nurseryschool@neveshalom.net because space is limited.

We welcome you and your baby to join us for this fun musical hour!



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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.

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.

Pins will be distributed, at the Sisterhood **Membership Appreciation** Dinner on Monday, November 14, 2016. All checks must be received by November 7, 2016

Any questions? Call Judy at 732 494-1993 or e-mail to: jt2325@yahoo.com

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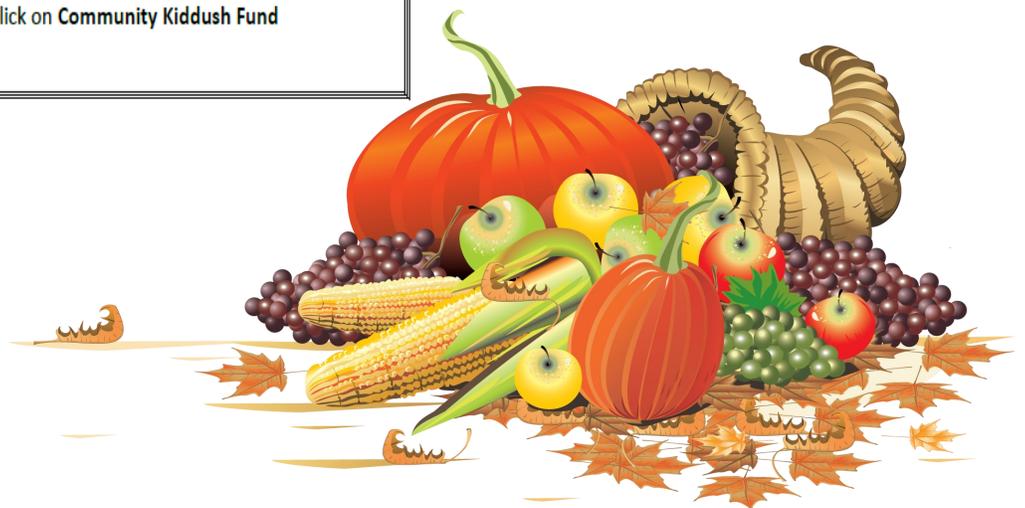
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!		1 Rosh Chodesh Metuchen-Edison Hadassah 7 pm Ritual Comm 7:30 pm	2 Rosh Chodesh USY Volleyball Finance Comm Youth Fund all at 7:30 pm	3 Men's Club 7:30 pm	4 Candles 5:32 pm Community Dinner 6 pm Services 7:30 pm	5 Noach Teen service 9:30 am Shabbat 2.0 Mincha/Maariv 5 pm
6 Standard Time Book Fair 8:30 am Book and Author Event 9:30 am An American Girl Tea Party 12 pm	7 Book Fair 8:30 am Intermediate Hebrew 7 pm Sisterhood 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	8 Book Fair 8:30 am	9 Book Fair 8:30 am Regional Men's Club Dinner 6 pm Talmud in English 7 pm Youth Theater Rehearsal 7 pm	10 Book Fair 8:30 am Hazzan's Class 11:30 am Fundraising Comm 7:30 pm	11 Book Fair 8:30 am Candles 4:25 pm Services 6:30pm "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas"	12 Lech Lecha Shabbat 2.0 Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
13 Book Fair 8:30 am Trip to Jewish Museum 9:00 am Rabbi's Class 10 am Rabbi's Prayer Class 11 am	14 Sisterhood dinner 6:30 pm Intermediate Hebrew 7 pm Torah on Tap USY and Kadima all at 7:30 pm	15 Colonia Hadassah 7 pm	16 55 Plus Group 1 pm Youth Theater Rehearsal 7 pm USY Basketball 7:30 pm	17 Hazzan's Class 11:30 am Youth Comm 7:30 pm Membership Comm 7:30 pm	18 Candles 4:19 pm Services 6:30pm	19 Vayera Annari Griesel Guest speaker Shabbat 2.0 Shabbat Kef 12 pm Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
20 Library Comm 9 am Global Day of Study 9:45 am My Jewish Journey 11 am Hanoar 12 pm	21 Intermediate Hebrew 7 pm Kadima 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	22 House Comm 7 pm Synagogue Board 7:30 pm	23 Talmud in English 7 pm USY Basketball 7:30 pm	24 Thanksgiving No Nursery School Office closed	25 No Nursery School Office closed Candles 4:15 pm Services 6:30pm	26 Chayei Sarah Shabbat Homecoming Max Rubin Bar Mitzvah at Mincha/Maariv 5 pm
27 No Hebrew School	28 Intermediate Hebrew 7 pm USY 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	29	30 Youth Theater Rehearsal 7 pm USY Basketball 7:30 pm	Service Times Shabbat morning 9:30 am Children's Service 10:15 am Shabbat 2.0 10:30 am Morning Minyan Monday and Thursday 6:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am Sundays and Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am Rosh Chodesh 6:35 am		