



From Our Rabbi....Eric Rosin

Here’s why this rabbi loves his GPS; because I’m still a relative newcomer to the area, and when you’re a relative newcomer, you don’t always get the most helpful response when you ask other people for directions. Ironically, this is especially true when you get directions from a person who has lived here for a long time. I often have to find shiva homes, other synagogues and restaurants where I’m meeting people and I hate being late (although it still happens). When I ask for others for directions, people who have a history in the area will say things like, “Go straight for three or four miles and turn right at the old Johnson place.” Or “Take Main Street north through town and veer right at the corner where the gas station used to be.”

Not so helpful if you don’t know which house is “the old Johnson place” or that there used to be a gas station where the coffee shop now stands.

Or people will say, just take 27, forgetting that Route 27 seems to have dozens of other names and is rarely referred to as “27” on street signs, and when it is, it jogs and skips in ways that are easy to miss.

But my GPS tells me everything I need to know. “Turn right in 100 feet.” “When possible, make a legal U-turn.” And of course, the dreaded and accusatory “Recalculating route,” when I miss one of the hidden turns off of the highway.

Of course, the down side of this technology is that when I’m late now, it’s completely my fault. I can’t blame it on bad directions.

This strange phenomena of getting less helpful information from the people who know the area best applies to prayer services and prayer books as well. The people who come to services regularly know the landscape of the liturgy very well. They don’t need page numbers called out, directions about when to sit and stand or explanations of the logic of the service.

As my colleague and teacher, **Rabbi David Wolpe**, once observed, synagogues were once filled with what he called Judaic “natives” meaning people who knew, not only the Hebrew language, but also the nuances of the service. I once had a synagogue president who was one of these Judaic “natives” ask me to stop calling out page numbers during services. “Everyone knows what page the Shema is on,” he would tell me. “If they arrive for services before we recite the Shema, they know to look in front of that page in the prayer book, if they get there afterwards, they will find their place in the back of the prayer book.”

What he didn’t realize is that many people in a typical service are newcomers. We can no longer assume that everyone is familiar with the fixed liturgy of our services. Some people are Jewish, but didn’t grow up with a traditional background. Others are non-Jewish guests who have come to join us to celebrate a friend’s simcha. And, as is more and more often the case, still others are adults who have joined the Jewish people as converts. It is becoming increasingly clear that we can no longer assume that directions like “turn to the

Amidah” are any more helpful than “turn right where the gas station used to be.”

I have grown rather attached to the *Sim Shalom* prayer book that we currently use in the sanctuary on Shabbat. I grew up Reform, so it is the Conservative prayer book that I first used and that I grew to love in rabbinic school. The Hebrew typeface is large and clear. Additionally, I have had occasion to meet and learn with **Rabbi Jules Harlow**, the rabbi who edited it and headed the committee who produced it and it is clear that this siddur (Hebrew for prayer book) was a labor of love.

Nevertheless, *Sim Shalom* is a prayer book for a different time, a time (that may or may not have really existed) when almost everyone in the synagogue was a “native” davener. The translations are nice, but it has very little transliteration so that non-Hebrew readers are not able to add their voices to the service. It has very little explanation of the different prayers and it assumes that we all know the choreography, when to sit and when to stand, when to bow and when to step forward or backwards.

Neve Shalom has been using *Sim Shalom* for decades. It still works beautifully for most of the Shabbat regulars who barely need further directions. But, happily, the Rabbinic



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By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

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ONE COMMUNITY for PURIM

Purim is a holiday that has something for everyone from very young children through the most senior of our citizens. In the past, on Purim evening, Neve Shalom has held two separate services. One, geared more for families, had an abridged Megillah reading and the other a complete chanting of the “gantze” Megillah. This year we are combining these two services. On Saturday, March 11 at 6:45 pm we will chant the complete Megillah with fun and interactive programs for children and teens. The USY will sell pasta boxes as groggers for tzedakah. Our youth theater group will present a song. There will be an original parody for all to sing along and a parade costume for our younger children.



After the service there will be an ice cream party for kids and a separate party with adult beverages (BYOB – wines need to be kosher). We are looking forward to a great time for everyone.

On Sunday morning, at 9:00 am during Hebrew School, our teens will chant parts of the Esther story, some of our Hebrew School classes will perform a new Purim shpiel based on songs from “Fiddler on the Roof”. **Rabbi Rosin** is planning a game show with lots of prizes for all of the children. At the same time adults will do the complete morning service and also a complete Megillah reading in the Beit Midrash, while the kids are in the sanctuary.

At 11:00 am, Hebrew School will end and we encourage everyone to join for the Neve Shalom Purim Carnival at the JCC on Oak Tree Road. There is no charge for any of the games. Kosher food will be sold and great raffle prizes can be won by those who purchase tickets. Tickets can also be purchased for a show, still to be announced. (In previous years we have had magicians, reptiles, and other fun shows for children). We encourage everyone to wear costumes to ALL of these events.

ONE COMMUNITY for PEACE

On Sunday March 19 at 4:00 pm Neve Shalom will be hosting a major communal program. The Metuchen-Edison Interfaith Clergy are sponsoring a “Concert for Peace” which I am coordinating. Baptist, Catholic, Chinese, Episcopal, Gospel, Jewish, Presbyterian and Turkish choirs will be singing and a Hindu group of dancers will also perform. There is no admission charge, though a free will offering will be collected. Light refreshments will be served. We invite everyone to help us come together as a multi-faith community to share each other’s hopes, prayers, songs and dances for peace. We promise you a spectacular event and a very memorable afternoon.

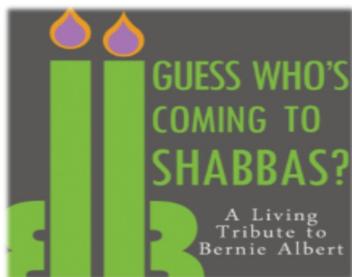
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UPCOMING DATES: MARCH 10, MAY 12

Whether you serve chicken or pizza, by lighting candles, saying the three brachot, and having a table filled with friends and family, you are separating the week from Shabbat, and showing your families the importance of this sacred time together and helping our Neve community grow closer together.

Once you sign up, you’ll be provided with all the tools you need to pull off the dinner, including a challah and a challah roll, a set of candles, a brochure with the three blessings, conversation starter cards and some recipes. Ask any of the hosts, this is a most rewarding experience, whether it’s your first time or you celebrate Shabbat every week. All you have to do to sign up is send us an email at guesswhosneve@gmail.com or call us at 908-510-4005 (**Jennifer Bullock**) or 732-742-8613 (**Julie Hersch**).



Ritually Speaking

By Christina Daniels,
Vice President, Ritual

“Inconceivable!” says Vizzini, in “The Princess Bride”, repeatedly. Each time, his assumptions are proven wrong until, Inigo Montoya says, “You keep using that word. I do not think that word means what you think it means.”



The story of Purim might be worthy of one of those “Inconceivables.” At a time when her people needed a savior, Esther was willing to take on the dangerous mission. She was chosen from many potential brides for the king. She managed to keep her identity a secret from those who would harm her as a Jew. She charmed the king into a promise to save her cousin and her people. The Jewish people rose up – with permission of the Persian king – and protected themselves with the exact methods that had been approved for their pursuers.

Can we even just say how inconceivable it is that a story was written in the Middle East in the Fourth Century BCE, starring a human woman? Women in greater Persia were powerless, even wealthy ones, as is evident in the banishment of Vashti. However, this story shows us a young, Jewish orphan, living in exile who preserves her people with her courage.

It is also of great interest to biblical scholars that this book of the Tanakh, while it does show the latent anti-Semitic feeling even then in Persia, has no mention of G-d. The only remotely religious action in

the book is the fasting that Esther asks all the Jews to do in anticipation of her risky actions. She takes bold steps to protect her community and their way of life, even though she lives in a rather non-traditional arrangement for a Jewish woman. Scholars believe that the purpose of the Book of Esther, much like the Book of Daniel, is to show that Jews living in the diaspora can achieve success without relinquishing their Jewish identity.

So what are we obliged to do as Jews for Purim?

- Listen to the whole Megillah – We have a full Megillah reading for everyone on **Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 6:45 pm** and an excerpted reading on **Sunday, March 12 at 9:00 am**. Support USY and buy a pasta box grogger to blot out Haman’s name.
- Matanot La’Evyonim (Give to the Needy) – a little tzedakah is always a good thing! Guess what? You can donate that pasta box back and it will go to the JFS food pantry.
- Mishloach Manot (Send Food Gifts to Friends) – at Neve Shalom, we can help with this too! Do a mitzvah **and** support your shul all at once!
- Eat and Drink – Have a big festival meal on Sunday, and maybe imbibe some as well!!! Who can say no to this commandment?

The important thing is to enjoy and to share, on Purim and really every day. At Neve Shalom, we can do it together as one community. We’ll see you there! Chag Sameach!



Israel on My Mind

By Lilly Shamam

My name is **Lilly** and my beautiful family and I recently moved to Metuchen as I am pleased to say that I feel I have made the correct choice. With a wonderful community and demanding children’s schedules we feel as if weekends are precious for family time. Neve Shalom has really been a part of our welcome here in so many ways. With family dinners, wonderful Hebrew School teachers, amazing children and a wonderful blend of parents, these are some of the welcoming factors that have assisted in our move here.

My husband **Ofer** and I are in our mid 40’s and met in California. We have two lovely children, **Eitan** (9 years old), and **Yael** (6 years old) that were both born in California. Both my husband and I were born in Israel as I was raised in Los Angeles, California and my husband moved there when he was in his 30’s.

In 2010 we decided to make Aliyah to Israel and raise our children in what we wanted to call home. Israel is

the most unique place in the world in so many ways. The electricity and holiness is felt in the air. It has so many positive attributes for raising children and unfortunately a huge negative affect that ruins it all. Spending my first couple of years in Israel with summers in the bomb shelters was a factor that made us think twice about raising children there. After five years of trying our hardest to make it work, we decided to head back to the US. The love of family, holidays, food and constant reminders of togetherness was extremely welcoming and hard to leave behind. We decided to move to New Jersey to assist my aging father in his business endeavors so he could retire.

Metuchen is the community that we wanted to be a part of and therefore was our plan A when searching for a home. As my husband and I were both raised with Jewish traditions, we wanted our children to have the same. Finding a

congregation that supports our tradition was a very important part of our search here.

After 12 months of being back in the U.S. (with both children speaking very little English), they now speak fluent English. As life takes us through various roads, we are trying to acclimate ourselves to the different challenges put in front of us. While I know that this move will take some adjustment, I feel comfortable with the community and the love that my children are receiving.

There are two meanings to the phrase “Home is where the heart is”. The first is the place that you love the most with all your heart. Meaning, your home is the place which is filled with your family and/or friends where you feel loved and most comfortable. My new home is filled with my family and friends and we do feel comfortable. The second is that wherever you feel most at home, is where you feel you belong.





Hebrew School News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

Friday, March 3

At the One Community Shabbat Dinner and Service, Hebrew School students will be leading many of the prayers. Hot dogs will be available for the kids.

Sunday, March 5

Lon Dobbs will help adults make their own hamantashen at Java Nagila.

Saturday, March 11

6:45 pm Purim Service for everyone followed by separate Adult and Children's Purim Parties. All should come in costume.

Sunday, March 12

At 9:00 am, teens will chant parts of the Megillah, 5th-7th graders will perform the "Fiddler Purim Shpiel" and Rabbi Rosin will lead a fun game show. Prizes for all children. We encourage parents to stay and everyone to wear costumes and bring noise makers. USY will sell pasta boxes as groggers for tzedakah.

Sunday, March 12

At 11:00 am, Hebrew School will end and we encourage everyone to join us at the JCC on Oak Tree Road for our Purim Carnival. No charge for admission or any of the games. Raffle and show tickets will be sold and kosher food is available to purchase for lunch. Extra prize tickets for wearing costumes.

Saturday, March 18

10:30 am Shabbat 2.0 and at noon Shabbat Kef. In the evening, Game Night.

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am 7th grade trip to NY leaves
4:00 pm Concert for Peace

Friday, March 24

6:00 pm Community Dinner
7:30 pm Service

Saturday, March 25

Shabbat 2.0

Men's Club Minute

By Steven Schneider, Men's Club President

There is *lots* going on in March. Let's start with Purim (get it lots...Purim...). While we had scheduled a Masquerade Ball with Sisterhood, celebrating Purim as One Community with a merged and expanded Megillah reading has made this impossible. Instead, we will be having a fun social event with music, food, a Sisterhood wine tasting, BYOB, and color costumes. For those families with kids, we will have ice cream, gaga, games, and movies in the gym.

Color costumes...I hope you didn't miss that. We are asking everyone to come dressed as their favorite color. Not dressed in a color but as a color. If you were magenta or lime-green or charcoal, what would you look like? Is your color formal or casual, fat or skinny, shiny or matte?



On March 2 at our Monthly General Meeting we will be holding elections for the Board officers for the next two years. I encourage you to come out to show your support for our future leadership.

March 19 is the rescheduled event with **Dr. Gary Steinbach**. At 10:00 am that Sunday Gary will be presenting "Who is a Jew and where do we come from: What does modern science and DNA tell us?" This is open to anyone and not exclusive to the guys.

Men's Club Shabbat coincides with a Community Shabbat Dinner and Men's Club will be hosting this dinner. We plan to have BBQ from Smokey Joe's and a lively event. Saturday morning, organized by **Sid Krane** and **Bruce Levin** (thank you to both of you), Men's Club will be participating in the service and sponsoring the Kiddush. I look forward to seeing you all there.

And in between all these events, we continue to meet nearly every Monday evening for pizza, beer, and a discussion of some very interesting topics. Stop in and check it out.





Adult Ed News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

Is BDS a Serious Threat to Israel?



On Friday, Mach 17, at the 7:30 pm service, **Martin J. Raffel** will speak about BDS and the de-legitimization of Israel. Raffel served for 27 years as Senior Vice President at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) and Director of its Task Force on Israel, World Jewry and International Human Rights. He continues to serve as the senior adviser to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and the Israel Action Network.

Some suggest that BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanctions) is an economic and diplomatic “tsunami” for Israel. Mr. Raffel will share his insights, suggestions and answer questions on this important and timely topic. He has spoken several years ago at Neve Shalom and was very well received for his insights, his great speaking voice and interesting presentations.

Refreshments will be served. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us this evening.



This May, Israel and the Jewish People will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Reunification of Jerusalem. Do you have memories of that memorable time? Please share by emailing a short blurb of your experience to Barbara Spack at bspack@optonline.net.

We hope to publish them for our community.



Neve Shalom continues to support the efforts of Jewish Family Service of Middlesex County to help the needy by collecting food for the Kosher Food Pantry. Food donations may be left at the synagogue in the closet near the stairs next to the stage. Going forward, USY will be collecting a different item each month to be donated. Please watch Neve Now! for more information. Thank you for supporting these efforts!



USY is running a collection of books throughout the month of March. Please drop off gently used books in the box next to the JFVS closet anytime during March. Thank you for your support!



Please remember Neve Shalom with a gift in your Will, Trust, Retirement Account or Life Insurance Policy.

These Jewish Eyes are Smiling

By Chef Lon



The Irish Connection

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, a holiday that began as a religious celebration, but has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture, this would be a good time to look at the similarities between the Irish and the Jews. At first glance, there do not seem to be many cultural connections between the two groups. However, all is not as it seems. As noted by historian **Rory Fitzgerald**, the similarities are many:

- Both have ancestral roots older than most other cultures (ancient Hebrews and the Celts)
- Both call home to small countries that are contested by others (Israel and Ireland – although Ireland is about 3 times larger)
- Both Israel and Ireland are home to monuments older than the pyramids of Egypt (Jethro Cairn and Stonehenge)
- 4,000 year old burial chambers known as dolmens are mysteriously found in both countries
- Both have been prosecuted throughout history and wander the worlds as outsiders (both have had their own Diaspora, but maintained close bonds with their kin even from the furthest corners of the world)
- Both have a disproportionate number of Nobel laureates in their ranks
- Both countries declared their independence about the same time – Israel in April 1948 and Ireland (became a republic) in April 1949

The Irish may have ancestors that are from the lost tribes of Israel. There is a theory that the tribe of Dan, known for their seafaring prowess may have travelled throughout Europe. There is a group that settled in Ireland known as the Tuathe De Dananna. They ruled the Emerald Isle at some time around the 7th or 8th century BCE, that some theorize may have been decedents of the Tribe of Dan (whom fled the Assyrians that tried to conquer their homeland in northern Israel). Note that the earliest known Jews to visit Ireland occurred in 1079 when five Jewish merchants brought gifts from a foreign king.

Other similarities I have found also include the harp, a symbol of Ireland, which also plays a significant role in Jewish history (David). Corned beef is the infusion of both Jewish and Irish cuisine.

“Corned” Beef

Although there is no corn in it, food historian Shaylyn Esposito has pointed out in an article in Smithsonian.com that corned beef may be thought of as Irish as the shamrock, but the current version of corned beef was heavily influenced by the Jews. Because people did not have refrigerators, they would salt meat (and fish) to preserve them for the long winter months. The Gaelic Irish had historically used cows for milk and as beasts of burden, favoring pork products for food instead. However, they had come up with a way of taking the meat off of the bone and salting the pieces of de-boned meat.

When Great Britain took over Ireland, they brought with them the taste for beef and this salted beef was imported back to the British Isles, as well as used for their navy (especially those afloat in the Pacific Ocean). They used large grains of salt to cure the beef.

These large pieces of salt were called corns because they were the size of corn kernels, and although the origin of the name was not a compliment to the food, the name Irish corned beef stuck. However, the Irish people themselves (due to strict laws by the British Government) did not have money to buy beef for themselves. Due to the Great (Potato) Famine in the mid 1800s, many Irish sailed to America to find prosperity. Many did, and began to have enough money to purchase beef for their dinner table. However, the beef they bought was a different type of corned beef they had been making in Ireland. This new corned beef was purchased (almost exclusively) from *shechita* (שחיטה), kosher butchers. This variation of corned beef was made exclusively from a cut of meat called the brisket. Brisket is tougher than other part of the cow, but it was cheaper source of meat for the poorer immigrants. This type of corned beef still needed salt, but it also undergoes a different cooking process in order to make more tender for the palate. When Irish Americans transformed the religious holiday of St. Patrick's Day into an Irish day of celebration – they used the Jewish version of corned beef to place atop their cabbage.

Although this article paints the Irish-Jewish relationship with rosy colors, one must also not forget that there are some darker chapters such as the Limerick Pogrom, tensions between Jews and the Irish in pre-war USA, and the more recent anti-anti-Semitic comments by Irish **President Mary Robinson**. For the most part, this is a cultural relationship that has fared better than most. Author **Brendan Behan** once wrote “Others have a nationality. The Irish and the Jews have a psychosis.”

For an unabridged version of this article, please visit <https://foodhistoryreligion.wordpress.com/>.

The Recipe

I do not have space to add a proper recipe for corned beef, but what is a good corned beef without great **mustard**?

Ingredients

- 6 Tbs. mustard seed
- 2/3 cup mustard powder
- ½ cup beer (may substitute with water)
- 2 Tbs. brown sugar
- 3 Tbs. white wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. salt



Directions

1. Grind the mustard seed
2. Combine mustard seed, mustard powder, brown sugar, and salt in bowl
3. Add beer and stir well and let sit for 15 minutes
4. Stir in vinegar
5. Place into glass jar with lid and place in fridge for 15 hours before eating

Happy Out,
— Chef Lon



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Time: 7:00pm for beginners
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Who: Classes taught by Miriam Handler

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Membership Memo

By Steven Schneider,
Vice President, Membership

Adar is a fun month. When Adar rolls around every year we are supposed to increase our joy. Of course, the best way is to celebrate on Purim.

This year Purim falls on a Saturday night and Sunday. We are trying some new things. We ARE going to have fun together as One Community.

On Saturday evening, March 11, we are combining our traditional and family Megillah readings into one joyous service. The reading will include costume parades, song parodies, and musical performances. USY will be selling pasta groggers (to then be donated). Families will come together with the Community to celebrate our triumph over our enemies.

Immediately following the Megillah reading we will continue the fun with a social event for the adults. We will have food and fun and music in the ballroom. All of the costs are being covered by dues paid to Men's Club and Sisterhood. BYOB but be sure it's hechshered wine. Costumes are heavily encouraged.

Dress as your favorite color. We are encouraging everyone to dress as you think your favorite color would dress. Is your color formal or casual? Is your color outgoing or shy? Does your color like to dance or just chill out? Creativity and fun are the key.

In the gym we will have games, including gaga, ice cream, and other activities set up for our youngsters. There will be supervision so if you want to have some fun with the adults don't worry about the kids in the gym.

Sunday morning, we will have a family friendly Megillah reading by the teenagers. The Hazzan will also lead his Purim sspiel. After that, we all travel over to the JCC for our co-sponsored Purim carnival

We will have lots do this Purim. Lots of fun. Lots of celebrating. Lots of socializing. Lots of Community.



Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah during the month of January. T=Teen, JR=Junior

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10 Choirs & one dance troop representing Baptist, Catholic, Chinese, Episcopal, Gospel, Hindu, Jewish, Presbyterian and Turkish faiths

No Admission fee, there will be a free will offering.
Light refreshments will be served.

From Our Rabbi....Eric Rosin

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Assembly, the professional organization for Conservative rabbis, has recognized how important it is for everyone to feel comfortable in our prayer services and they have therefore produced a new prayer book, *Siddur Lev Shalem*, based on the successful model of the High Holy Day prayer books (*Mahzor Lev Shalem*) that Neve has been using for the past several years.

Siddur Lev Shalem, is a beautiful book. It contains the entire service in Hebrew, but with a great deal of other helpful information. The translations are newer and flow more easily. It contains more transliteration (writing the Hebrew text in English letters so that non-Hebrew readers can join in), and it has both explanations of the prayers and the choreography as well as additional readings, poems and teachings in each of the margins in order to enhance the prayer experience for natives and newcomers alike.

As a result of some very generous contributions, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to transition to this new prayer book and to enhance the prayer experience in our community. If you would like to take part in this process, to honor a special person or to mark a sacred occasion, this is also an opportunity for you to purchase and dedicate a prayer book. Through April 9, new prayer books can be dedicated for \$36. Beginning April 10, the price will rise to \$54. We will pick a Shabbat in the Spring to officially switch from one prayer book to the other and to dedicate these new spiritual GPS units as a community.

Neve Shalom Purim Services

**Sunday Morning,
Mar 12, 2017**
9:00 am (during Hebrew School)

Megillah Reading
Teen Megillah readers
Abridged reading
Prizes, Costumes,
Songs, Hamantaschen



9:00 am
Complete Megillah Reading & Service
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FIDDLER PURIM SHPIEL
Sun., Mar 12 at the 9am Service

11am Purim carnival at the JCC

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**Viviana A. Zelizer
Women's Money:
Are All Dollars
Equal?**

May 7, 2017 10:00am



Viviana A. Zelizer is Lloyd Cotsen '50 Professor of Sociology at Princeton University. She specializes in the field of economic sociology. Professor Zelizer has published award-winning books on the development of life insurance, the changing value of children, the place of money in social life and the economics of intimacy. Her books have been translated into multiple languages. Professor Zelizer has held appointments at the Institute for Advanced Study, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales as well as fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Rockefeller Foundation. Her most recent book is *Money Talks* (Princeton University Press, 2017) co-edited with Nina Bandelj and Frederick Wherry. Her op-eds have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the *Huffington Post*.

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event is free and
open to the
public.
*Refreshments
will be served.*



Join Neve Shalom Hebrew School Parents
for discussions, friendship, coffee, tea
and refreshments



at **JAVA NAGILA**
Sunday Mar. 5
at 9am

**Hamantaschen Making
for Adults**
With **Lon Dobbs**

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Shabbat 2.0



We are proud to offer a new interactive Shabbat Experience for learners of all ages that was developed based on member feedback.

Shabbat 2.0 will feature singing, plays, prayers, snacks and an opportunity to learn why we pray as we do.

All are welcome to experience these participatory services, which will be held on most Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Services will be
March 11, 18* & 25

*includes Shabbat Kef



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On Friday, March 3, the Neve Shalom Hebrew School students will do parts at the dinner and different classes will do many parts in the service. Special "kid friendly" food options such as hot dogs will be served to the children during the dinner.

 Please plan to join us and make your reservations at:
www.neveshalom.net/OneShabbat
by Feb 28 at 5pm

Neve Shalom Shabbat 2.0

grades K-7 10:30 –noon



Mar 18, 6th grade Haftarah readers &
Hazzan Levin will help lead the service

Mar. 18, 2017 **Shabbat Kef** After Shul Fun

Grades 2-7 Purim Fun



**Lunch & Fun: Noon–
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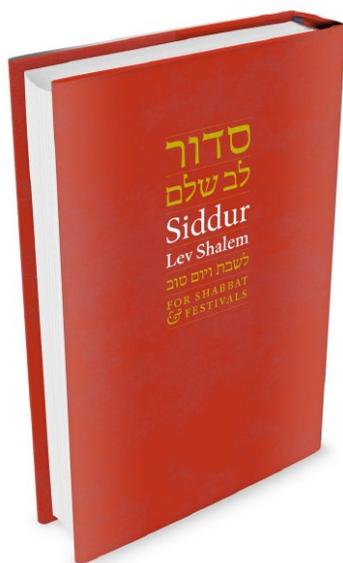
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For the first time in decades, Neve Shalom is purchasing new prayer books for Shabbat & Festivals for our community. This is your opportunity to dedicate a prayerbook in honor of or in memory of someone special, or to celebrate a life event. What a beautiful way to remember, honor or recognize your loved ones by passing on Jewish text from generation to generation!

For a limited time only, you can dedicate siddurim at the cost of just \$36 a book. *(beginning April 10th the cost goes up to \$54 a book)* To order your book plate, make checks payable to Neve Shalom Book Fund and return to the synagogue office.

Questions?? Call Rita at 732-548-2238 x 12





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

present

Martin Raffel

Senior Adviser to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs
and the Israel Action Network

**Delegitimization of Israel and BDS:
How Serious a Threat?**

Friday, Mar. 17, 2017 at the 7:30pm service

Discussion will continue after refreshments

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Friday evening: 6:30 pm Shabbat morning: 9:30 am Shabbat 2.0: 10:30 am Morning Minyan: Monday and Thursday: 6:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00 am Rosh Chodesh: 6:35 am Sundays: 9:00 am			1 Finance Comm 7:30 pm	2 Men's Club 7:30 pm	3 Candles 5:33pm Community Dinner 6pm Services 7:30pm	4 Terumah Mincha/Maariv 5 pm Mishloach Manot Packing 7 pm
5 Java Nagila 9am Rabbi's Class 10 am Youth Learning Team 10:30 am Prayer Class 11 am Hanoar 12 pm Kadima 2 pm	6 Sisterhood 7:30 pm USY 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	7 Ritual Comm 7:30 pm	8	9 Fast of Esther Fundraising Comm 7:30 pm	10 Candles 5:41pm Services 6:30pm Guess Who's Coming to Shabbos Night	11 Tetsaveh Shabbat Zachor Teen Service Shabbat 2.0 Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm Erev Purim Service 6:45 pm Social gatherings For adults & kids 8:15 pm
12 Purim Daylight Savings Time Purim Services and Shpiel 9 am Carnival 11 am	13 Shushan Purim Kadima 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	14 Youth Fund 7:30 pm	15 55 Plus Group 1 pm	16 Membership Comm 7:30 pm	17 Candles 6:49pm Services 7:30pm With speaker Martin Raffel	18 Ki Tisa Shabbat 2.0 Shabbat Kef 12 pm Mincha/Maariv 6:15 pm Game Night 8:30 am
19 Library Comm 9 am 7 th grade trip to New York 9 am Men's Club 10 am Community Interfaith Concert 4 pm	20 USY 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	21 Colonia Hadassah 7 pm	22	23 Youth Comm 7:30 pm	24 Candles 6:56pm Community Dinner 6 pm Services 7:30pm Men's Club Shabbat	25 Vayak'hel/ Pekudeh Shabbat HaChodesh Shabbat 2.0 Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm
26 Blood Drive 8:30 am-1 pm Rabbi's Class 10 am My Jewish Journey 11 am Prayer Class 11 am Hanoar 12 pm Kadima 7:30pm	27 Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	28 Rosh Chodesh House Comm 7 pm Synagogue Board 7:30 pm	29	30	31 Candles 7:03pm Services 6:30pm Hadassah Shabbat	