



From Our Rabbi....Eric Rosin



I am not a person who takes to change easily. As just a few examples, it has taken me decades to admit that pleated pants are neither in style or particularly flattering. Much to Jen’s chagrin, I still have not divested myself of boxes and boxes of CD’s which currently reside in our basement even though my CD player has been out of commission for longer than I would like to admit. And, perhaps most germane to this audience, it took ten years of consternation and deliberation before I was able to follow my passion and apply to rabbinic school.

I applied to rabbinic school as a senior in college, but upon my acceptance, I (perhaps presciently) decided that the old aphorism was likely correct and that the rabbinate is too complicated a job for a nice Jewish boy. But the idea never faded and after two years of working as a paralegal, three years of law school and four years of practicing law, I finally surrendered to my better judgment and went back to school.

I remember the argument that finally enabled me to take that leap of action (and I suppose that it is also appropriate in this context to call it a leap of faith) and to walk away from my legal career and towards a life of study and service to the Jewish people.

It took a friend to reframe my circumstances for me. She pointed out that while I saw my ruminations as part of a process, postponing change was not just indecision, it was in fact a very specific decision with very specific consequences. She looked me in the face and pointed out what should have been obvious; as the due date for rabbinic school applications approached, it was my right to dither and

deliberate as long as I wanted to, but that if I decided to apply I could be rabbi in five years and if I continued to perseverate, those same five years would pass and the possibility would likely pass me by.

Neve Shalom is on the cusp of an analogous moment. We are an aging community. . . and we are also still vibrant and healthy. Our leadership has realized that if we stay this course, we can sustain this level of ritual participation and committed and talented leadership for years to come. And, if we elect to skirt change, our current course is not one of growth or even sustainability.

Every year some of our congregants decide to leave us to move closer to their children or their grandchildren. Each year there are also a few more people who are slowing down or who feel uncomfortable driving at night.

We are far from crisis, but the long-term trends are not towards growth.

Additionally, our physical plant will still support our services, our Shabbat afternoon lunches and will host our religious school for the foreseeable future, but as it ages, our building becomes less and less attractive and less and less appropriate for many of the functions that we would like to invite into our walls. We are expending significant resources on the constant demands for repair that any sixty year old building would require in the absence of regular updating and repair.

That is why our leadership has made the bold decision that it is time to make the difficult commitment to turn towards change – not a change from our primary mission to

serve as a spiritual home and a support for the many different personal journeys that take place in our walls and in our community, but a change that will enable us be in a much stronger position five years from now and for many years to follow.

Kadima b’Yachad, our planning initiative, is an active decision to take the steps that will enable Neve Shalom to attract the Jewish families who are moving into our community with a welcoming and inspirational physical presence and with an energy and openness that communicates our desire to be their Jewish home and the primary Jewish presence and resource in this area. It is also an affirmation that we have heard the observations of our current members that many of the systems in the synagogue, the sound system, the plumbing, the heating, the air conditioning and the general level of wear and tear in the building prevent us from providing the kinds of experiences that we all come to share here.

Change is not easy, but sometimes it is necessary. What my friend helped me to see is that, in the immortal words of **Geddy Lee**, the Jewish lead singer of the band, Rush, if you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice.

We are experiencing a moment in which we have recognized the need for change and we are strong enough, healthy enough and wise enough to seize it. We look forward to taking this journey together!



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Notes from the Hazzan

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

Shoah Film Series

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Neve Shalom—Adult Education
hosted by Hazzan Levin
 Free if you registered for the Spring Semester. Any individual film is \$5 or \$15 for the series

The Book Thief Thur. Feb 7; 11:15am or 7pm
 Is the moving story of a girl who transforms the lives of those around her in Germany during WWII. It stars Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson. 131 minutes in English.

The Pianist Thur. Feb 14; 11:15am or 7pm
 Winner of 3 Academy Awards including Best Actor, Adrian Brody. This true story of one of Europe's most acclaimed young musicians shows what happened to him in the Warsaw Ghetto. It is a miraculous tale of survival by Best Director award winner Roman Polanski. 2 hours & 30 minutes, English.

Sister Rose's Passion Thur. Feb 21; 11:15am or 7pm
 tells the inspirational story of Sister Rose Thering, who had the courage to resist the status quo and pushed for what she thought was right. Her work had a direct bearing on the Vatican II Council that changed the Church's position on Jews and Judaism. 88 minutes, Documentary in English.

Son of Saul Thur. Feb 28; 11:15am or 7pm
 Academy Award Winning Best Foreign Film tells about a Jewish prisoner in Auschwitz forced to assist the Nazis. While working, Saul discovers the body of a boy he takes for his son. Saul tries to carry out an impossible task to find a rabbi and give the boy a proper burial. 107 minutes, in Hungarian with English subtitles

IN MEMORIAM ג'י"ה

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 mother of Eleanor Snaider

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 father of Florine Kaplan

From the Synagogue President

By Debbie Schildkraut

Dear chaverim.... On January 12, we launched Kadimah b'Yachad – our “Journey Together.” The event was truly about celebrating who we are and how we are blessed to have a synagogue where we can go for simchas, holidays, life cycle events, learning, cultural enrichment, social experiences, community events and so much more. Many times, you have heard me talk about my family's Jewish roots - a mixture of Sephardi and Ashkenazi - and in particular my Greek Jewish heritage because of its uniqueness, but especially because of the aspects of resiliency and survival. In the current world climate, we can't help but reflect upon how profoundly important it is for us to have a united Jewish community, with a safe place where we can daven, learn, celebrate, and come together for a variety of reasons.

We pray that history will not repeat itself, yet there are increasing numbers of anti-Semitic incidents in our country and throughout the world. Whether we are practicing Jews or unaffiliated Jews, we all ultimately need to have a synagogue where we can go for life cycle events, for community, for security, for a safe haven. Think about at least one favorite early Jewish memory. Mine is when I was about 3 or 4 years old, and my family belonged to a synagogue in the Bronx. It was Simchat Torah; I remember wearing my favorite outfit, which was a brown suede skirt with fringes and a matching vest. I proudly and lovingly remember parading around the entire sanctuary with my flag and candied apple. There are other memories from synagogue, from Shabbat at home, and from holidays with family too. I'm sure you could share memories as well. What was your synagogue like? What events did you participate in? What friends did you make? Perhaps you recall a fun Purim carnival and favorite costume, or a model Passover seder event, or a Chanukah candle-lighting. While synagogues and synagogue participation have changed over the years, the important aspect that has remained the same is the need to have synagogues...and to know they will exist and be here for future generations. If we don't ensure the future, who will?

Five years ago, I led a critically important initiative here at Neve Shalom. If you will recall, it was a series of Community Conversations where we held parlor meetings to speak with as many of our

congregants as possible to ask: what is important to you? What are you looking for in your synagogue? What are you seeking in your spiritual leaders? It was a long and lengthy process - - but time that was valuable and well-spent. Since then, we continued to dialogue and learn more from as many of you as possible. This included roundtables during the rabbi search, subsequent surveys we've sent, roundtables at the last Congregational Meeting, and interviews during our pre-assessment of this campaign. We have been gathering lots of information and researching ideas for our synagogue and its future from a variety of experts.

Did you know that our building is over 64 years old? There are many repairs that need to be made right away. Some were becoming self-evident and others surfaced as part of a recent engineering assessment. We've been trying to patch things as we go, but we need to properly update some of the building's infrastructure. Two new leaks recently revealed that a section of our roof is rotted. Last summer we had to repair one of the classroom floors that was collapsing. We have repeatedly needed to address plumbing issues in both bathrooms. In the kitchen, one of our freezers is broken, and we found out that aspects of the kitchen are not up to current code. Audio quality in the sanctuary, with and without the doors open to the gym, is something that needs to be addressed and a long-term solution found. **Merrill and Carol Weiss** have generously devoted time and funding to get us started on this critical project, but we need to finish it so that people can benefit from hearing our clergy and other speakers. As you've also heard, we've made several security updates for the building; some were covered by the grant we received and some were not. As we continue to evaluate security best practices, we may need to continue to fund various needs in this regard.

All of the items mentioned are top priority. These are areas that are above and beyond our typical annual budget. We want to address these needs to strengthen the building's basic operations. Once we do that, we want to improve the building's functionality so we can better serve and accommodate the needs of our constituents in a welcoming and enjoyable way. Did you know our ballroom dividing walls have been broken for several years? We no longer have the ability to divide that room to

accommodate multiple groups/events as we once did.

We have much to celebrate and look forward to in the years ahead. We are a community that is strengthening its roots, planting new seeds, fortifying its foundational components, and branching out in new ways to cultivate and nurture each member's Jewish journey for now and for our generations ahead of us. Now is the time to plan and invest in our synagogue's future. I invite you to join me to support Kadimah B'yachad – this very important campaign at this transitional time of great opportunity. Let's go forward together and build an exciting future for Neve Shalom.



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May 11 – location TBA

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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.

To sign up, email us at:

guesswhosneve@gmail.com or call us at 908-510-4005 (**Jennifer Bullock**) or 732-742-8613 (**Julie Hersch**).

Synagogue Director's Greeting

By Marge Wise

Hi everyone – welcome to 2019! The advent of the secular new year marks six months since my arrival at Neve Shalom. It has been my pleasure to meet and to get to know many of you, and to sit in meetings with you and plan programs with you. It is my sincere hope that I will get to meet those of you whom I haven't yet had the pleasure. Please stop into my office when you're in the building – even if we have met, but surely if we haven't – it will be my pleasure to greet you or re-greet you!

I wanted to give you all a glimpse into some of the things I am doing at Neve Shalom

My involvement to date has included – but is not limited to – liaising and working with the following committees:

- **MEMBERSHIP** – canvassing for, and outreach to, member prospects, providing welcome bags for new members and working towards retention and reaching out to members of long-standing.
- **FINANCE** – assisting in dues collection.
- **PLANNING INITIATIVE** – I serve as a member of the core team which includes helping to plan the Launch, Case for Giving, marketing and branding.
- **HOUSE** – actively exploring best practices in terms of meeting our custodial needs.
- **SECURITY** – this subject is a top priority for me. I feel responsible, as synagogue director, to explore everything possible to keep us

safe. I've attended workshops along with other staff members and congregants. I've shared what I've learned at Executive Committee and Board meetings. I'm happy to share the information you.

- **EDUCATION** – outreach to Hebrew School parents to help integrate them into the life of Neve; liaison with our Israel Shinshinit, **Maya Shany**.
- **PUBLICITY** – circulate info about upcoming events and activities.
- **COMMUNITY** – I've established a working relationship with the Metuchen PD and I arranged for increased attention following the Pittsburgh massacre. I organized the Security Awareness Training Session with **Sargent Belluscio** at Neve on December 11. I attended Security/Drill Workshops in the local community. I've met with security experts from different companies, at the synagogue.
- I participated in the Community Interfaith Sukkot Luncheon at Neve. I was on the committee for the Boro of Metuchen Candle lighting event.
- I am a member of the committee - representing Neve - planning the JCC Purim Carnival.

I feel very privileged to be part of the Neve family and I look forward to getting to know, and to reaching out to more of you, in the coming months and beyond.
B'Shalom.



Nursery School News

By Martha Mack, Director

Winter is upon us and we are exploring the season in all of its glory! We are creating snowflakes and experimenting with freezing and melting liquids to observe what happens. We bring in buckets of snow (when available) to encourage sensory play in the classrooms, and we are learning all about how different animals deal with the winter temperatures....some hibernate and others thrive in the coldest of weather!

We held a very successful "Tu B'Shvat: The Birthday of the Trees" program in January co-sponsored by PJ Library. Special thanks to those who volunteered their time to help make this program so specialit was truly a Neve Community experience!

The Nursery School families are all looking forward to three big events coming up during the month of March:

- Our 2nd Annual Family Dinner Dance on Sunday, March 10 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Our parent committee has been hard at work planning this wonderful family event where the Nursery School families dance the late afternoon away!
- Parent's Night Out! on Sunday, March 17 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, a fun night for everyone...the kids are dropped off in their "jammies" and they enjoy a pizza dinner, fun in the gym, and a movie while the parents go out to eat as "grown-ups" with their friends.
- Purim celebration here at Neve on Thursday, March 21 and at the Purim Carnival...details to follow!

Registration is open for both our Summer Program 2019 and for school in September, if you or someone that you know, is interested in 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.

PLANETARIUM PARTY

FEBRUARY 10: 4-5:30 PM

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Hebrew School News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

- **Friday, February 1:** At the **Community Shabbat Dinner**, Hebrew School students will lead some of the prayers and songs. During the service our third grade students will receive their "siddur" and talk about their families' journey to America. Students in other grades will also help lead many of the Shabbat prayers. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and the service begins at 7:30 pm.
- **Sunday, February 3:** In January, sixth and seventh graders in January made their own, **model tefillin**. On the morning of the World Wide Wide, we encourage all 6th & 7th graders and their parents to join in the morning minyan at 9:00 am. If you have tefillin, please bring them. Someone will happily help you put them on if you need help. The students will put on the model tefillin, which though not kosher, offer wonderful learning opportunities.
- **Saturday, February 9:** The 5th-7th grades will help lead some of the prayers in the sanctuary. We encourage everyone to come and see them in action. At noon, grades K-7 are invited to a special lunch and Shabbat KEF (lots of fun).
- **Sunday, February 10:** At Temple Emanu-El (100 James Street – across from JFK Hospital), our children ages 2-12 are invited to a fun afternoon including a Planetarium show, snacks and crafts. It's free. It starts at 4pm. Please register online at: www.picatic.com/event15444663056416
- **Sunday, February 17: No Hebrew School**
- **Saturday, February 23:** Havdallah event at Color Me Mine in the Menlo Mall at 7:30 pm. Havdallah service and create your own Kiddush cup. \$4 fee plus \$16 or \$18 for the ceramic cup. RSVP to Miriam at education@NeveShalom.net
- **Sunday, February 24:** During Hebrew School, at Neve Shalom, our 5th-8th grades will share important workshops with professional presenters addressing anti-Semitism (something Jewish kids in our area have faced). We will help **empower our kids** to know what to say and do and what not to do if this happens to them or they see it happening to others. Parents are welcome. Other area Jewish students will be joining us. Neve Shalom and Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ are the sponsors with several area synagogues as co-sponsors. The program will run from 9:00 am to noon (during Hebrew School). Normal classes will be held for all of the other grades.



Adult Ed News

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

SHOAH FILM SERIES

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ADDRESSING B.D.S. ON CAMPUS

Rabbi Esther Reed, (pictured, right) who has spoken several times here at Neve Shalom, is the Senior Associate Director of Hillel at Rutgers University. On Friday, February 15, after the 7:30 pm service, she will share with us the latest and most up to date information about how colleges are helping students fight against anti-Semitic and anti-Israel sentiment.

The following excerpt from a recent article in "The Forward" by **Ginger O'Donnell**, will highlight some of today's pressing issues: "Anti-Zionist or anti-Israel rhetoric qualifies as protected speech under the First Amendment. In light of this fact, experts agree that publicly condemning such speech is not the best approach. In these situations, I favor more engagement to help [people] see that [anti-Zionist rhetoric] is not helping the cause of peace," says **David Bernstein**, the CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

Eric Alterman, PhD, currently the CUNY Distinguished Professor of English and Journalism has advised Hillel International to encourage its campus chapters to engage in dialogue with Palestinian students rather than adopt a policy called "Standard of Partnership," which prohibits the co-sponsorship of any projects with individuals or organizations that support BDS.

Rabbi Reed will explain what Rutgers Hillel and other campuses are doing to address BDS and other Israel issues.



SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

This year's Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer Scholar in Residence program at Neve Shalom will be held March 22-23.

Dr. Susannah Heschel (pictured, left) is the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies and chair of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College. Her focus is on Jewish-Christian relations in Germany during the 19th and 20th centuries, history of biblical scholarship, and history of anti-Semitism. Her publications include *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award, and *The Aryan Jesus: Christian Theologians and the Bible in Nazi Germany*. She has taught at Southern Methodist University and Case Western Reserve University.

Discussion Topics:

- Life and Thought of Abraham Joshua Heschel: *Friday night, March 22*
- Jewish Views of Islam: *Saturday, March 23 during the morning service*
- Tenacious Nature of Racism: *Saturday, Mar. 23 after lunch*

Bringing someone of her renown is expensive. If you contribute \$180 per person, we will add your name(s) to the list of this year's Benefactors and we will thank you gratefully. Contact Hazzan Levin for more information.

Do Unto Others . . . the Golden Rule of Religion

By Chef Lon

Facebook is a great way to connect to others. My profile does not include my marital status, occupation, where I live, or very much personal information. However, I do post stories and articles about people helping other people (especially strangers) with the caption "What are you doing to make the world a better place." Unfortunately, it is sometimes hard to find these heartwarming stories amongst all the junk people post.

One would hope that helping others would be a fundamental ideal for each of us, but history has proven otherwise. Whereas all religions have a multitude of laws governing almost every aspect of a person's life, they all include commandments about being kind to others – sometimes referred to as "The Golden Rule." For instance, the Christian Bible contains the oft-quoted text that reads "love thy neighbor as thyself." [Matthew 22:38] The Quran provides to "do good- to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, those in need, neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the companion by your side, the wayfarer." [Quran 4"3] Buddhism provides that one should "treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." [Udana-Varga 5.18]

Three lines after putting to death sorceresses, two lines after providing death as a penalty for bestiality, this month's Torah reading (Parsha Mishpatim) provides two related commandments:

And you shall not mistreat a stranger, nor shall you oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. [Exodus 22: 20]

וְגֵר לֹא-תוֹנֶה וְלֹא תִלְחָצֶנּוּ כִּי-גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם

And you shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, since you were strangers in the land of Egypt. [Exodus 23:9]

וְגֵר לֹא תִלְחָץ וְאַתֶּם יָדַעְתֶּם אֶת-נַפְשׁ הַגֵּר כִּי-גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם

The Golden Rule was included in religious doctrine as a means to help guide the moral compasses of individuals. Always being kind to others, unfortunately, is not human nature. As Stephen Anderson explains in *Philosophy Now*, the Golden Rule itself can take two forms – negative and positive; both of which may produce very different results.

Salty Relationships

Whereas the Golden Rule is one of the staples of all religions, one of the staples in our food pantry is an ancient symbol of being gracious to guests . . . salt.

Salt has held a very high level of importance in world history. It has been used by our ancestors for thousands of years as a seasoning, to preserve food, as part of religious practices, medicine, and even as payment [Fast fact: the word "salary" is derived from the Roman world for salt (which they would use as payment to their Legionnaires; it is also the root for the word "salad" – when the ancient Romans would add salt to their vegetables and leafy greens.)

This simple, naturally occurring seasoning, has caused nations to rise, and others to be thrown into chaos. One of the very first government taxes in history was on salt (2200 in China). Venice became a dominating power of its time due to the salt trade. The Dutch Revolution was decided because of salt, and salt played a major role in Mahatma Gandhi's resistance against the British. Salt even played a strategic role during the American Civil War. I do not

have the space in this article to provide details for all of these events (and others), so if you ever have time, I would strongly recommend reading "Salt: A World History" by Mark Kurlansky.

Salt is referenced many times in the Torah. The promise between God and David is described as the "covenant of salt." The serving of salt, especially before meals and dealing with others (including strangers), had become symbolic of any decisions made during the discussion will be everlasting. This covenant also has its place in religious practice of the ancient Jewish people, whereas salt was included during sacrifices. The use of salt is also used in the Torah to symbolize the breaking of a covenant, such as when Lot's wife did not heed the warnings of G-d; as we all remember, she turned around and turned into a pillar of salt.

Salt has also become symbolic of welcoming others into one's house for a meal. Meals throughout the ages (especially in the Middle East) had begun with salt (or bread dipped in salt) as a symbol of the host's welcoming and trust of others into their home. Salt is not only used in Judaism; the Catholic Church uses it during many of their purification rituals. Salt is seen to have the property to repel evil spirits in Buddhism, and it is used in the Shinto religion to purify an area. The spilling of salt is seen to be a bad omen in a few cultures [Fast Fact: Da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper" depicts Judas spilling over a bowl of salt. Another: the Dalai Lama was buried in a bed of salt in 1933.]

Welcome guests into your home by offering them some bread and salt to begin your meal. The next time you shake that salt, take heed that you will be sprinkling a lot of history onto your food.

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

Recipe

Have you ever wanted to try something different with salt? Try making a flavored version, like Lemon Salt.

Ingredients

3 Lemons
1 cup Kosher Salt



Directions

1. Zest three lemons; mix zest with salt; place into oven-proof dish
2. Add juice of one lemon into the salt and combine
3. Place mixture in preheated 200 degree oven
4. Remove from oven (may need to break up large pieces)

Keep on Cookin'
Chef Lon

Donald & Ruth Kahn
“One Community” Book & Author Event
Book Capsule

This is the second in a series of “capsules” of books addressing the theme of Jewish immigration to America that will be discussed by their authors at the upcoming program on Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am. Keep watching for additional book capsules and event details!

—Amy Artman, Event Chairperson

The Length of String by Elissa Brent Weissman

(Note: This book is geared towards middle grade and young adult readers and is a moving story for adults as well.)

Imani knows exactly what she wants as her big bat mitzvah gift: to find her birth parents. She loves her family and her Jewish community in Baltimore, but she has always wondered where she came from, especially since she’s black and almost everyone she knows is white. Then her mom’s grandmother—Imani’s great-grandma Anna—passes away, and Imani discovers an old journal among her books. It’s Anna’s diary from 1941, the year she was twelve and fled Nazi-occupied Luxembourg alone, sent by her parents to seek refuge in Brooklyn, New York. Anna’s diary records her journey to America and her new life with an adoptive family of her own. And as Imani reads the diary, she begins to see her family, and her place in it, in a whole new way.

This book is geared towards middle grades/young adults (age 10-14) and is the most overtly Jewish book written by Weissman. “I always imagine that my characters are Jewish. It sometimes comes up in the books and it sometimes doesn’t.” The historical part of the book is inspired by the author’s personal family history; three of her grandparents grew up in New York City in the 1930s and ’40s.

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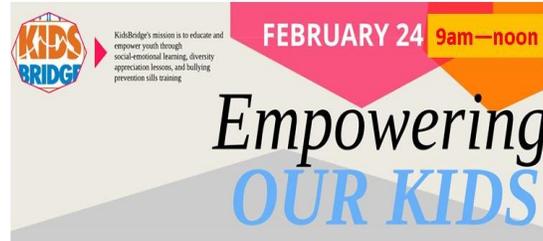
The Greenhorns: Stories by Richard Slotkin

The people of Greenhorns reflect the different ways three generations of Jewish immigrants took to America and how America affected them. The six tales - which blur memoir and fiction - are based on fragmented stories told by and about Slotkin’s family members who immigrated from Eastern Europe early in the 20th century. A kosher butcher with gambling problems; a woman whose elegant persona conceals the memory of unspeakable horror; a Jewish Pygmalion who turns a wretched orphan into a “real American girl”. A boy who struggles to maintain his father’s old-world code of honor on the mean streets of Brooklyn. The “little man who wasn’t there,” whose absence reflects his family’s inability to deal with its painful memories. An immigrant’s son who “discovers America” -- its promise and its dark side -- as a soldier on leave in WW2. These stories recover the violent circumstances, the emotional and psychological costs of uprooting, which left the immigrant uncertain of his place in America, and show how that uncertainty shaped the lives of their American descendants.

The Greenhorns opens a window into the historical experience of Jewish immigration in the 20th century, and the problematic process of assimilation. “...it connects to the current public and political interest in immigrants with parallels between the successful integration of past immigrants and current patterns of Americanization.” “Painful, riveting, personal, and powerfully universal.”

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Richard Slotkin is a historian and historical novelist who has been recognized as one of the leading scholars of American cultural history.



WHEN ANTI-SEMITISM IS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD, HOW DO OUR CHILDREN RESPOND?

A 5TH GRADER IN METUCHEN WAS CALLED ANTI-SEMETIC NAMES. HOW DO WE ADDRESS IT?

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to a program at Neve Shalom to learn what to say and do when either they or someone they witness is harassed for being Jewish. At the recommendation of the Anti Defamation League, we are bringing in two experts from an organization called “KidsBridge.” These facilitators will lead exciting, interactive workshops to help students learn what to do and what not to do when they themselves are called hateful names or observe this happening to others.

There is no charge. No registration is needed for Neve Shalom students, all other 5-8 graders and their families welcome, please let us know in advance so we can plan for space.

To sign up: Education@NeveShalom.net or call 732-548-2238 x 13 and tell the ages of the youngsters who will be attending and how many adults will be coming as well.

Event location: Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Avenue, Metuchen

Sponsored by: Neve Shalom, Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ, Temple Emanu-El, East Brunswick Jewish Center & Beth Mordecai

Havdalah & Night of Creativity (Grades K-7)

Join your friends for a fun evening at Color Me Mine at Menlo Park Mall.

As we usher out one Shabbat we will have the opportunity to design our own Kiddush cups with which to usher in the next.

- Inspiring Havdalah Service
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Students 13 years & under: \$4 sitting fee (adults \$5) plus \$16 or \$18 for ceramic cup.

Color Me Mine, Menlo Park Mall
 February 23, 7:30PM

RSVP by 1/14: Miriam Dobin: education@neveshalom.net

Ritually Speaking

By Andrea L. Colby, Vice President, Ritual

Winter Reflections

Here we are in February—often the coldest and bleakest month of the year. In the Hebrew calendar, we are in a leap year. Rather than adding a day every four years, as we do in the secular calendar, we add a month every three or so years—Adar I—in order to keep our calendar synched with the secular one. Otherwise we might end up celebrating Pesach in September!

As we head into the Hebrew month of Adar I, we note that there are no Jewish holidays during this month (although some observe the minor holiday of “Purim Katan”—literally “small Purim”). February in our neck of the woods is usually cold and snowy. It therefore drives us inside for long periods of time, giving us an excellent opportunity to stop, look inward and explore Jewish spiritual experiences in a different way.

I commend to you a Jewish mindfulness website, awayin.org, to delve into when you are snowed in this month. Created by **Rabbi Yael Levy**, who has been named as one of “America’s Most Inspiring Rabbis” by The Jewish Forward, this site “offers spiritual practices that strengthen our capacity to be present to all that life brings”. Rabbi Levy has created many beautiful, inspirational and instructive meditations that can get us through the desolate month of February/Adar I and get us ready to greet the spring next month. Enjoy!

Please join us at our Ritual Committee meetings! All are welcome. Our meetings for the rest of the year are as follows: February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4. See you there!

Men’s Club Minute

By Lon Dobbs, Men’s Club President

Last month the Men's Club began the New Year by honoring **Alan Stern** with a breakfast on January 6, and continued soon afterwards with our first Family Tailgate Event (and Tu B'Shvat celebration) where children and parents were amazed by the marvelous magician, munched on tasty food, and enjoyed lots of games.

We are not slowing down this month in providing world-class events. On February 3 we will be holding our annual World-Wide-Wrap. We will teach you how to wrap yourself in tefillin. An educational and interactive service will follow. On February 24 we will be holding a Keruv discussion focusing on how interfaith marriages affect our families. Looking into the future, be ready to laugh your tushes off at the Stress Factory on March 24 (details are forthcoming). Remember, we hold our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month (7:30 pm), and also please note that we will be holding a large General Meeting on Thursday, March 7, during which we will elect Men's Club Officers for 2018-2020, vote on changes to the bylaws, and conduct other business. I invite you to attend this important meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at one (or more) of our future events!

Neve Shalom Honors Barbara and Eliot Spack

This year Neve Shalom pays tribute to **Barbara and Eliot Spack**. These very special individuals have contributed much to our synagogue and community. Now it is our opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude to such outstanding people. I invite you to contribute generously to this year's Commemorative Tribute Journal.



The congregation is cordially invited to attend a **SPACKtacular Afternoon Tea** on **Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 pm**. Please watch your mail for more details. If you have any questions please contact:

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ביחד קדימה is about our Journey Together. Neve Shalom is the foundation of our Jewish lives, our home. It is where we learn together, celebrate good times, and support each other in challenging times. The Neve family is our oasis of peace, and is an extension of our own families. Through this initiative, we will continue our journeys together.

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- I. Enhance our ritual home so that it continues to support our spiritual growth and the nourishment of our souls.
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Why We're Investing in Kadima b'Yachad

The Kushner Family: Michael, Wendy, Ariella and Maya

Neve Shalom is our Jewish home.

Just as we want to make sure the home that we live in is maintained and updated to be safe, warm and welcoming, so to do we want to make sure we do the same for our Jewish home.

It was extremely important to Wendy and me that our daughters, Ariella and Maya, had a Jewish home that they could go to make friends, to learn about our traditions and rituals, and take their place in the generations of Jews who have sustained our faith.

Neve Shalom is that Jewish home.

We're investing in Kadima b'Yachad so that Neve Shalom – our Jewish home – which was so important to our family, will be able to continue to thrive and prosper.

I hope that you'll join us in helping to make this vision a reality.

Why I am Investing in Neve Shalom's Planning Initiative

Andrea Colby

Our family moved to Metuchen from Manhattan almost 25 years ago. One of our very first trips was walking around the corner to join the Neve Shalom community. That Shabbat, we attended morning services. Seeing new faces in the sanctuary, Eliot Spack approached us, greeted us and offered an aliyah. He introduced me to several people during Kiddush; some of them remain our close friends to this day. Our new friends made us feel so welcome in our new community. Shabbat morning services soon became our anchor for the week amidst overwhelming work and family responsibilities.

When I lost my mother, the Neve Shalom community provided shiva minyanim and caring visitors, comforting us through those difficult days. When our son became bar mitzvah, we truly felt that the entire community celebrated with us—so many people came to tell us how proud they were of him, having watched him grow along with us over the years.

Myriad Jewish traditions provide meaning to our lives; Neve Shalom has been our Jewish home for the past quarter century. With our contribution, we are investing in the future of Neve Shalom and the Jewish community here in Middlesex County and Central New Jersey. It will help assure that our time-honored and time-proven traditions can be carried forward far into the future for our children and generations to come.



For more information, contact:
journeytogether@neveshalom.net

Dream Weavers in the Neve Shalom Loom Room

A TALLIT GADOL? A FIRST FOR THE LOOM ROOM

Barbara Spack was determined to weave a tallit gadol (large tallit) for her grandson **Avi Kessler**. It was to replace his bar mitzvah tallit, which was too worn to wear. She was able to use the corners with the names of his four sets of grandparents as well as the atarah (neck band) from the original tallit on this new venture. She wove 2 tallitot on the loom and had a seamstress sew them together. Although there is a seam across the center it is hardly noticeable.

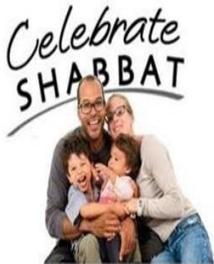
Avi was thrilled!! He stated, "I couldn't be prouder to wear this new tallit." As for Barbara, she shared, "Tying the tzitzit together with Avi was just the culmination of one the most spiritual experiences of my life."

Now you too can weave a tallit gadol! Give it a try. Weave a tallit, tallit gadol, challah cover, tallit bag, matzoh cover, afikomen bag or even a chuppah! Make an heirloom for yourself or someone special. You can do it!!

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



5th-7th Grades



will help lead services in the **SANCTUARY** at Neve Shalom on **Sat. Feb. 9, 2019**. We hope all 5th-7th graders and their families will join us.

Please arrive by 10am.

Neve Shalom **Shabbat Kef After Shul Fun**

Grades K-7 Feb 9, 2019

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KADIMAH B'YACHAD LAUNCH PARTY

The Neve Shalom Community celebrated a wonderful Kadimah b'Yachad Launch Party on January 12. Everyone who attended got an opportunity to hear about Neve's exciting future and to see drafts of the beautiful building renderings and the proposed floor plan layout.

Andrea Colby and Michael Kushner explained our vision for this Planning Initiative. We heard from Rabbi Rosin and his prayer for the future of our community. Synagogue President Debbie Schildkraut helped each of us recall our earliest Jewish memories and explain why Neve Shalom is so important to each of us.

After a beautiful musical interlude which included Hazzan Levin, Andrea Colby and Maya Kushner, Julius Feinson, Past President, and Patrick McAuley talked about their passion for Neve Shalom and what that has meant to them.

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CATSKILLS CABARET COMES TO THE SUSY SCHWARTZ CONCERT STAGE SUNDAY, JUNE 2



Some singing . . . some comedy . . . and you're back in Kiamesha Lake, NY at the Concord Resort Hotel! Maybe your family preferred Grossingers, Kutsher's Hotel and Country Club or The Fallsview?

Kenny Ellis (pictured, left) is perfectly at home performing at a Catskill's resort, The Copacabana, The Improv, the Miami Beach club scene, a kibbutz, army camp or the national radio in Israel - or the stage in any synagogue here or abroad.

With early career years spent working his way through the New York performing arts scene, from Broadway to upstate, Ellis counts singing with **Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach z"l** at the Roosevelt Hotel as one of the highlights of his career. Ellis is most well known for his 2005 Hanukkah Swings CD, still a consistent top seller in its category on Amazon Music. "Part of my life's work has been discovering new entertaining avenues to show what Jewish life can be. [The CD] is a celebration of Jewish life and music, not just for people of our culture and faith, but for everybody," Ellis says of this work.

When he's not performing or teaching, the Philadelphia-born Ellis serves as the cantor at Temple Beth Ami in Santa Clarita, CA (Los Angeles area), where he has worked since 2010. Prior to Temple Beth Ami, he was the cantor at Temple Beth Haverim in Agoura Hills, CA for 15 years.

It's a great honor to present Kenny Ellis as a one-man "Catskills Cabaret" on Sunday, June 2 at 7:00 pm for Neve Shalom's 29th Annual Susy Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund Benefit Concert. The concert is the main source of funding for one of Neve Shalom's great gems and a perk of membership: our "Passport to Israel" program.

The goal of the Susy Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund is to raise money to provide each Neve Shalom bar and bat mitzvah child a "Passport to Israel," currently valued at \$2,000. The Passport, presented from the bimah during the bar/bat mitzvah service, is a voucher that may be redeemed towards a trip to Israel that has an educational component, taken between the completion of ninth grade and the end of college. High school students using the Passport are also eligible to receive additional funds from the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.

One of the key goals of the program is to instill in our kids a lifelong love of the State of Israel. We hope the availability of this opportunity will encourage our Hebrew School families to both support the concert and explore educational experiences in Israel for our students. Nearly 150 of our students have redeemed their Passport since the program's inception.

Concert tickets go on sale this month on the shul website, www.neveshalom.net, and may also be purchased by mail or through the Neve Shalom office. On behalf of the next generation, please consider becoming a Benefactor (\$200) or Patron (\$100) of the June 2 concert. Benefactors and Patrons receive two tickets, preferred seating, name listed in the concert program and more. General admission tickets are \$25, with the price for children under 12 at \$12. Free babysitting will once again be available by preregistration (deadline: May 28). Contact the Neve Shalom office at 732- 548-2238 if you need additional information.

Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah during the month of December.

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Torah Readers

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- Ronald Becker..... 9
- Danny Boxer 1
- Andrea Colby 1
- Lawrence Dombrow 10
- Eric Goldman 1
- Rosalie Green 2
- Bruce Greenberg 1
- Miriam Kafker 2
- Rena Kallman..... 6
- Elliot Kramer..... 1
- Maya Kushner..... T 1
- Zach Lanton T 1
- Karen Newman..... 1
- Aron Richman 7
- Steven Richman..... 2
- Mark Rosenfield 16

- Michele Rosenfield 8
- Brett Schildkraut..... 1
- Debbie Schildkraut 1
- Adam Schlitt 1
- Jeffrey Schulman 1
- Stacey Sern 11
- Martin Slutzky 2
- Barbara Spack..... 3
- Eric Steinbach 1
- Alan Stern 1
- David Yellin..... 3

Haftarah

- Jake Bullock
- Andrea Colby
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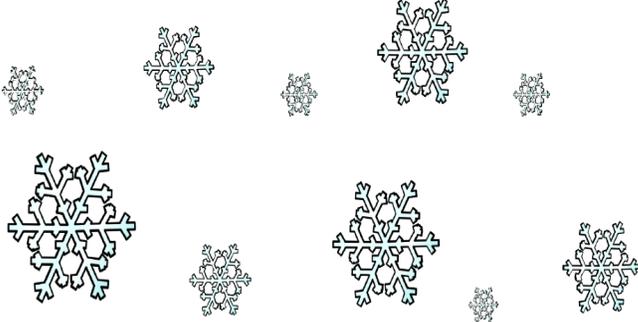
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Service Times Shabbat morning: 9:30 am</p> <p>Morning Minyan: Mondays, Thursdays: 6:45 am Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 7:00 am Sundays: 9:00 am Rosh Chodesh: 6:35 am</p>						<p>1 Candles 4:57 pm 3rd Grade Kabbalat HaSiddur 6 pm Community Shabbat Dinner 6 pm Services 7:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Mishpatim Mincha/Maariv 4:30 pm</p>
<p>3 World Wide Wrap & Breakfast 8 am Youth Theater Presentation 3 pm</p>	<p>4 Planning Comm 7 pm Torah on Tap, Kadima, and Sisterhood all at 7:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Rosh Chodesh Youth Learning Team 4:15 pm Ritual Comm 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Rosh Chodesh 12 Tremendous Texts 12:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 8 pm</p>	<p>7 Film: <i>The Book Thief</i> 11 am & 7 pm Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Men's Club 7 pm</p>	<p>8 Candles 5:06 pm Services 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Terumah 5th, 6th, and 7th Grades participating Shabbat Kef 12 pm Minyan Shalem 10:15 pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30 pm</p>	
<p>10 Rabbi's Class 10 am Hazzan's Class 11:15 am Hanoar 12 pm See and Sample 2 pm</p>	<p>11 Planning Comm 7 pm Torah on Tap, USY, & Finance Comm all at 7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 History and Politics of Arab-Israeli Conflict 12:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 8 pm</p>	<p>14 Film: <i>The Pianist</i> 11 am & 7 pm Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Fundraising Comm 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15 Candles 5:14 pm Services 7:30 pm with speaker Rabbi Esther Reed</p>	<p>16 Tetzaveh Mincha/Maariv 4:45 pm</p>	
<p>17 No Hebrew School</p>	<p>18 Presidents Day Office Closed No Hebrew School Book Club 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Purim Katan</p>	<p>20 History and Politics of Arab-Israeli Conflict 12:30 pm 55 Plus Group 1 pm Introduction to Judaism 8 pm</p>	<p>21 Film: <i>Sister Rose's Passion</i> 11 am & 7 pm Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Membership Comm 7:30 pm</p>	<p>22 Guess Who's Coming To Shabbas? Candles 5:23 pm Services 6:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Ki Tisa Mincha/Maariv 5 pm School Havdalah Event 6:15 pm</p>	
<p>24 Empowering Our Kids 9 am Rabbi's Class 10 am My Jewish Journey 11 am Hanoar 12 pm Hearing Men's Voices 12 pm</p>	<p>25 Planning Comm 7 pm Torah on Tap, USY, & Kadima all at 7:30 pm</p>	<p>26 House Comm 7 pm Synagogue Board 7:30 pm</p>	<p>27 History and Politics of Arab-Israeli Conflict 12:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 8 pm</p>	<p>28 Film: <i>Son of Saul</i> 11 am & 7 pm Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Youth Comm 7:30 pm</p>			