



## From Our Rabbi....Eric Rosin

**T**here is an often told (but perhaps apocryphal) story about one of the scions of the famous Rothschild family. According to the story, after the conclusion of a business meeting, one of the Barons Rothschild was asked exactly how great the Rothschild fortune had become. The wealthy banker and industrialist took the question to heart. He summoned one of his assistants and asked for a specific ledger.

When the information arrived, he opened up the account book and began reading the list of all of the family's charitable contributions. He added up all of the figures and he reported the total as the extent of his family's worth.

Confused, the businessman asked the question again, clarifying that he was curious about how much money the wealthy family had accumulated, not how much they had given away.

Baron Rothschild, unfazed, responded, "No, I understood your question. Everyone knows that I own mines and properties, business ventures and securities. But mines can be flooded and properties confiscated. War can disrupt my enterprises and render my securities worthless. Only the figures in my charity ledger record what is truly mine. This I am worth; this no one can take away from me." (Adapted from *The Essential Jewish Stories*, collected, annotated and retold by Seymour Rossel.)

What a jarring reminder of how the secular world in which we live has led us to narrowly conceptualize that we which possess in terms of ownership.

That's not how human possession is described in the Jewish tradition. In the

second chapter of Genesis, we are introduced to the idea of stewardship. We're told that God placed human beings in the Garden of Eden, to enjoy it, but not to exploit it. Adam was placed in Gan Eden "in order to till and tend it." (Genesis 2:15) And at the end of the Torah, as the People of Israel are poised to take possession of the Land of Israel, Moses reminds them not to forget that, ultimately, the land belongs not to us but to God. He warns us against forgetting that we have been given the bounty of the Promised Land in order to advance the divine ideals of justice and human dignity and not simply to indulge and enjoy.

Both conceptions of possession, ownership and stewardship, rest on our human freedom to act as we like and to dispose of our property as we see fit. What is different is the motivation behind how we decide to allocate our resources. The idea of ownership assumes that we will use that which we possess to bring ourselves pleasure and to provide ourselves with security.

The idea of stewardship does not reject these ideas. Our tradition is replete with reminders that we have an obligation to safeguard our health our and security. After all, each of us has been created in the image of the Divine and each of us is commanded to safeguard the sanctity of our physical health and that of those whom we love. Nor are we expected or encouraged to eschew joy or beauty. Both are lauded in scripture and in Jewish practice. But the underlying principle of stewardship is that the highest valued use of our wealth, our power, our creativity and our possessions is to deploy each of them in ways that will cultivate the sacred.

Yes, stewardship may be an easier sell to the Rothschild family which has all but limitless wealth, but think for a moment about how gratifying it can be to leave the world and those who live in it better off than they were, and how much power we have to amplify and pass on that which we value to others who are alive now and to the generations who will follow us.

As we continue our efforts to journey together on our Kadima B'Yachad initiative, we ask you to see yourselves as stewards of this congregation, of this community and of our Jewish tradition. Those things that we possess are temporary and can always be taken from us. Those contributions that we make to the rest of our Neve Shalom community will live on and multiply for years to come.



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By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

## The Mitzvot of Purim

**T**here are four mitzvot (commandments) connected with celebrating the joyful holiday of Purim. All four begin with the letter **Mem**.

Megillah is the book of Esther, written by hand on a parchment scroll. Unlike the Torah it is spread out and folded as it is read like a “letter” rather than rolled like the Sefer Torah. The story has things for different ages. Children enjoy the hero verses villain aspects as if it were a Marvel comic or movie. For more mature readers there are complicated issues of morality, political power, rebellion, violence, drinking and sex. We make lots of noises when hearing the villain’s name and chant the book using a lilting, quick tune (except for a few verses chanted in slow, mournful style). This year it will be chanted on Wednesday evening, March 20, at the 6:30 pm service. To add to the festivities we encourage everyone to come in costume.



Mishloach Manot (sending of food packages to neighbors and friends) is a lovely mitzvah. In Israel, instead of going door to door, dressed in costumes “trick or treating” (as Americans do on Halloween) Israeli children on Purim dress in costumes and bring food packages to their neighbors. The neighbors will likely give bags filled with treats to the kids so everyone gets nice things to eat. At Neve Shalom, thanks to **Jennifer Bullock** and many volunteers, we arrange to purchase a tote bag filled with goodies for all of our members and teachers. Many people help package and distribute these bags and everyone can enjoy the delicious goodies.



Matanot L’evyonim are gifts to the poor. This mitzvah helps less fortunate families get nourishment. We will make a collection at the Megillah service and send the contributions to help feed hungry in our area.

Meal for Purim (Purim Seudah) and “Ad Lo Yada’ah”: Some communities have a major party with lots of drinking at the end of the day of Purim. Some drink until they can’t tell the difference from “blessing Mordecai” and “cursing Haman.” For children we do not allow drinking but run a carnival with lots of fun to celebrate the giddy high feelings from jumping in a “bouncy house” or playing lots of games and perhaps eating too many sweets. Our community (Neve Shalom and the JCC) will have our carnival at the JCC on Oak Tree Road on Sunday, March 24 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need teen and adult volunteers to run registration tables, raffles, prizes and games. Please contact **Marge Wise** [Director@NeveShalom.net](mailto:Director@NeveShalom.net) if you can help. The carnival and games are free. Hamantaschen, raffle tickets and kosher food for lunch will be for sale.

We wish everyone a very happy holiday and hope you find joy in fulfilling these special mitzvot. Chag sameach.



Dear Neve Shalom Community:

We respectfully wish to remind you that our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. We ask each of you to carefully review your account and statement, and ensure that your account is in good standing, including any incidental charges that were added during the course of the year.

As one community, we all have a role to play in ensuring the financial health of Neve Shalom. If you have any questions about your account or statement, please contact the office.

Thank you,  
 Lawrence Dombrow, Financial Secretary

# From the Synagogue President

*By Debbie Schildkraut*

The joyful festival of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar, which begins this month on Wednesday night March 20th. We hope you will join us for our fun-filled Neve Shalom multi-generational celebration activities. Our annual celebration commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia who were on the brink of being wiped out. While history has made significant attempts, we thank God every day for our ability to be here together as a vibrant Jewish community. Jewish continuity is the driving force for my love and immersion of involvement in the synagogue and other Jewish organizations. It is also a significant reason for why we need to increase our fundraising efforts for the synagogue.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being a part of the Neve Shalom family. Your support counts in so many ways. Our synagogue has become paramount as we have truly become a regional synagogue serving congregants across many central New Jersey towns. In follow-up to our Congregational Meeting, I want to thank our Treasurer Linda Gotlib for hosting an open budget meeting, and thank so many of you for attending. It was important to help all of you to have insights and understand the expenses that our synagogue faces each year. For many years, we operated at a deficit. With careful scrutiny and lots of hard

work, we did not pull any funds from the reserves for the past three years. Each year brings variables, and each year we worry that we will have a deficit and do our best to bring in the anticipated income from efforts at membership and fundraising.

Every dollar of your support is a meaningful contribution toward the many facets of running our congregation. Our building is over 65 years old, and some repairs were becoming self-evident while 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. Expenses are higher for a number of reasons. Emergent repairs have been required at a more rapid pace. In the past 18 months, we repaired a collapsing floor in one of the classrooms and in part of the kitchen; we resurfaced the playground for safety; plumbing issues and roof leaks have happened repeatedly; kitchen appliances are old and breaking down; other aspects of the kitchen are no longer grandfathered and are out of code; due to risk, the dividing walls in the ballroom have not been used for a few years. We needed to implement some critical security upgrades that were not covered by the grant. Security upgrades have included upgrading our very old security cameras, installing a new intercom system, adding fob entry to our new doors, among other identified needs. As we continue to evaluate

security best practices, we may need to continue to fund various needs in this regard. Additionally, the Board had voted to invest in certain staffing updates and renewals to strengthen our operations. Concurrently, the ad journal didn't happen in Spring 2017, and the auction was discontinued around that same time. When learning of the loss of those two fundraisers, I asked our teams to deploy replacement efforts. The brick paver has had very limited response, but we did do a year-end grant challenge and thankfully many of you helped to support it. Because we've had difficulty on how to do effective fundraising, the Board approved consultative help from a development expert; **Andrea Colby** and **Michael Kushner** have been instrumental in taking the lead in those efforts.

Again, some house needs are emergent, and you will be seeing repairs taking place near-term as significant sections of the roof can no longer be patched and must be repaired. We want to address these needs first, and once we do that, we want to explore enhancing the building functionality to better serve and accommodate the needs of our constituents in a welcoming and enjoyable way. We sincerely appreciate all of your support and welcome new fundraising ideas and volunteers! The vitality of our synagogue is the theme of Adar.

Thank you for helping any way that you can.

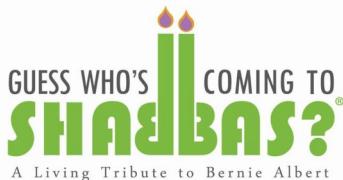


## Sign Up to Be a HOST and Get Involved!

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



**Next Date:**  
March 15

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May 11 – location TBA

# Synagogue Director's Greeting

By Marge Wise

The following is from the remarks I made at the Congregational meeting in January. In case you missed them, I wanted to share a summary of my areas of focus at Neve since my arrival six months ago - and going forward.

**T**hank you to our president, **Debbie Schildkraut**, for giving me this opportunity to speak to you today. I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you and I look forward to saying hi to those of you whom I haven't yet met.

I've been here for 6 months now – some days it feels like just days, and sometimes it feels like years!

Part of my job is to work closely with committees. A committee which is near and dear to my heart is Membership. I am working with **Bruce Levin** and **Steve Schneider** on this committee in terms of affiliation and retention. Specifically, we are focusing on outreach to prospective members who are new to our community, as well as on outreach to our own members of longstanding. It is also my hope that we will be successful in bringing the Nursery School cohort into the active life of the synagogue, as well as in reaching out to unaffiliated Hebrew School families.

I am on the Core Team of Neve's Planning Initiative, led by **Andrea Colby** and **Michael Kushner**. I bring experience to this crucial area of Neve Shalom's future, and I am very excited to be helping to secure that future here.

I am very pleased to be on the leadership team of the Sulam training program. We are planning for a third session, led by **Nadine Kochavi** of USCJ - and by **Jennifer Bullock** and **Karen Alexander** - with the Board of Directors, to share essential tools for making the work of the synagogue and the Board as productive and as effective as possible.

**Stu Mantel**, House Vice President, and I have been doing a lot of work to find the best solution to our leaking roof. I might add that I have a special interest in this area since the ceiling tile directly above my desk fell through two months ago – fortunately I wasn't sitting at my desk at that moment, and P.S., we've moved my desk!

I'm working on establishing security protocols and best practices in the area of security awareness training, given the challenges which

face all synagogues in the world we are living in. I've attended seminars with members of the synagogue, and I've arranged for security awareness training at Neve, as well as for active duty drill training. Please let me know if you would like a copy of a summary outlining key points from these training sessions I've attended.

I've worked with Susan Lemerman and her committee to help write the Emergency Manual for the synagogue, drawing in part upon what my colleagues at other synagogues have done.

I've taken on a role with the JCC of Edison county sitting on the Purim Carnival Planning committee. I work, as well, with **Dan Rozett** of Federation, on community endeavors. I've helped to integrate our Shinshinit, our Israel teen ambassador, into our Neve community.

On the community level, I participated in the Interfaith Clergy Sukkot Luncheon and I helped strategize for the Boro of Metuchen Candle lighting during the week of Chanukah.

I participate in meetings of the Israel Awareness committee led by **Linda Gotlib**.

I met with **Judi Harrison** and members of the Education committee before the start of the school year. I participated in the Meet and Greets with **Judy Slutzky** so that I could get to know our Hebrew School parents.

On the custodial front, I've been tasked with beginning to establish policy and procedures for maintaining the optimal cleanliness and functionality of the building, with the supplemental help of a cleaning service.

I am here to help officers and committee chairs in any way that I can. I interact with Ritual, Finance, Adult Education, YLT and Youth as well as with the Kiddush committee.

A highlight of my week is attending Sunday morning minyan. I enjoy working with **Rabbi Rosin**, **Hazzan Levin** and **Martha Mack**. I truly thank those of you who have helped to "onboard" me and who've helped me to learn the culture of Neve Shalom.

I look forward to being integrated even more into the fabric of life at our special synagogue..

Thank you all for everything that you are doing to help Neve Shalom thrive. May God always bless the work of our hands.

## Adult Ed News

### 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.

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

### 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*

The annual Scholar-in-Residence Event is sponsored this year by the Scholar-in-Residence Fund, the Gilbert and Claudio Hayat Endowment and the following benefactors: **Amy and Ira Artman**, **Flora Cowen**, **Julius Feinson**, **Lena Feld**, **Sandra Fields**, **Joy and Sam Grafton**, **Gerry and Rhoda Grossman**, **Claudie and Gilbert Hayat**, **Michael Kesler and Barbara Reed**, **Sandra Moss**, **Edna Sherber**, **Eliot and Barbara Spack**.



# Hebrew School News

*By Hazzan Sheldon Levin*

- **Sunday, March 3:** YLT Meeting at 9:00 am.
- **Tuesday, March 5:** Hebrew High will meet at the Veterans Home
- **Saturday, March 16:** Shabbat Family Service at 10:45 am led by Hazzan Levin for grades K-7 followed by Lunch and Shabbat KEF (fun) with special games for Purim from noon to 1:30 pm.
- **Wednesday, March 20:** Purim Services, Dinner and Megillah reading. Dinner starts at 5:45 pm with the service at 6:30 pm. There will be lots of fun and it is a mitzvah for everyone to hear the Megillah chanted. Come in costumes, bring loud noisemakers (and ear plugs) and don't miss this important and enjoyable night.
- **Sunday, March 24:** Hebrew School will meet at 9:00 am at the JCC on Oak Tree Road. Classes end at their usual times. We urge everyone to go to the free Purim Carnival which ends at 2:00 pm. Food and Raffles will be sold, all games and prizes are free. We need as many teen and adult volunteers as possible. This year's carnival will add special activities geared for Middle School students.
- **Sunday, March 31:** Book and Author Event will include a book geared to Young Adults. The 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades will come and hear that speaker. We encourage all parents to join us or send money with the children to purchase a book and get it signed by the author. There will also be book readings in the classrooms for younger grades of stories about Jewish immigrants coming to America.
- **Sunday, April 7:** During Hebrew School we are planning to have a book burial on the synagogue property. All classes will attend and parents are welcome to join this moving ceremony. There will also be a trip to Eldridge Street Synagogue and a Walking Tour of Jewish Lower East Side for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Hebrew High students.
- **Sunday, April 14:** Pesach University — We invite parents to join that morning. Younger grades and their parents will create some crafts and art for your Seder tables. Parents and kids can participate in a Pesach cooking class. There will be programs for parents including a workshop with Rabbi Rosin, a discussion with Hazzan Levin of fun ways of including kids in your seder (so no one will say "When Do We Eat"), a wine tasting (and sale) for adults only and a Concert featuring our classes performing old and new Passover songs. Everything is free.
- **Sunday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 23:** No Hebrew School during Passover. It would be nice if families could come to holiday services on April 20 and 21. We will give kids points for attending Seders – just email the Hazzan to let us know which nights your kids went to seders. Chag sameach.



# Nursery School News

*By Martha Mack, Director*

The month of Adar is our favorite time of year, Purim is coming! All of our Nursery School friends look forward to celebrating the story of Esther and Mordecai and their evil nemesis Haman (boo!) Not only will we be learning all about Purim in our classrooms, but we will also be joining the entire Neve community at the Pizza and Spiel – Megillah reading on Wednesday evening March 20. What costume will you be wearing?

Our Nursery School friends look forward to a visit from **Rabbi Rosin** on Wednesday mornings. He reads a thoughtfully chosen book on topics of Jewish content such as holidays, mitzvot, or values and there may even be a Q&A session afterwards with important questions such as "What is your favorite color?" We also receive a weekly visit from the **Hazzan** on Friday mornings where we shake, rattle, and roll to our favorite Shabbat and Jewish holiday songs. Can you dance the cha-cha to "Shabbat Shalom"? We can!

The Nursery School is also looking forward to our second annual Family Dinner Dance on Sunday, March 10 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all of our Nursery School families, friends, and staff. We will be dressed to impress and dancing the late afternoon away with a DJ and yummy dinner prepared by Nursery School parent volunteers. We can't wait!

The following weekend is Parent's Night Out on Sunday, March 17 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm! Our Nursery School friends get dropped off for fun in the gym, pizza dinner, and a Disney movie while their parents have a fun night out on the town.

Registration is open for both our Summer Program 2019 and for the school year 2019-2020. 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](mailto:nurseryschool@neveshalom.net), to arrange for a personal tour of the facility.



On Sunday, January 13, the entire Hebrew School had the privilege of visiting The Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County. The Museum is located inside an historic barn that was built in 1850 by the grandson of a Jewish immigrant, **Levi Solomon**. Grades K-3 learned about the immigration experience through fictional and non-fictional stories, while grades 5-7 learned about the reasons early immigration in America took place. There were also some fascinating stories about Jewish Pirates! In addition to the stories and exhibits, the Hebrew School left with some valuable and insightful information on immigration.

To further this theme, we invite you to the Donald and Ruth Kahn One Community Book and Author event on March 31 at 10:00 am to explore Jewish Immigration to America. Event is open to the public. We can't wait to see you there. Hebrew School students in grades 5-7 will be visiting the Jewish Tenement Museum on April 7 to continue the Immigration theme.

—Liz London



## Lenin and the Jews

By Chef Lon

The picture of Jews in the Soviet nation has not always been a happy one. Oppression, repression, and persecution are three words that come to mind I think of the Russian-Jewish experience. Although this seemingly is beginning to change in the modern day, there was a short period of time beforehand when Jews were treated fairly in Russia.

The early 20<sup>th</sup> century was a time of change in the world. In 1917 the Russian Revolution unraveled a centuries-old hierachal structure. It brought about some major changes to the Jewish populace living in the territories of the Russian Empire.

While **Catherine the Great** is attributed as ushering in the Golden Age of Russia during 18<sup>th</sup> century, historians have tried to hide away the fact that she also tried to rid her country of all Jews. After failed attempts to evict Jews out of Russia, she relegated them to only a part of her Empire, which was called the Pale of Settlement (located in the South-Western region). With few exceptions, it was not until the downfall of the Empire in 1917, that Jews were allowed to live or travel beyond the borders of the Pale. Most any of the Jews in this region lived in poverty, and laws were put in place so that Jewish men and women could not prosper. Pogroms became a way of life resulting in the death of many Jews and the destruction of their property. The spread of anti-Semitism was alive and well in Tsarist Russia at all levels from the nobility through the peasants.

The Pale was abolished in 1917 by the Provisional Government of Russia after ousting Tsar Nicholas II of the Russian Empire. While Catherine the Great has a positive reputation in the annals of history, the leader of the Russian Revolution, **Vladimir Lenin** is seen in the negative as the founder of the Soviet state. Besides the downfall of the Russian Empire itself, and its oligarchical structure, the Bolsheviks under Lenin cared more for the people as a part of the government than what religion they may follow. He even allowed the Bund (a Jewish Socialist party in Russia) to take part in the new government. In a huge change of pace for the Jews living in Russia at that time, in March 1919, Lenin publicly orated his "Anti-Jewish Pogrom" speech, which stated, in part:

It is not the Jews who are the enemies of the working people. The enemies of the workers are the capitalists of all countries. Among the Jews there are working people, and they form the majority. They are our brothers, who, like us, are oppressed by capital; they are our comrades in the struggle for socialism."

Throughout Lenin's life, he was against anti-Semitism. However, he believed that Judaism (along with all theological ideologies) would eventually be assimilated into the idea of one central nation. Because of this he was opposed the concept of Zionism.

### My Chocolate Babka Memory

All this talk of Jewish-Russo history has me thinking of food. There was a huge migration of Russian Jews into Brighton Beach, Brooklyn in the 1970s, and they opened many stores on Brighton Beach Avenue. My grandfather befriended the owner of a Russian Bakery, and one of my most cherished memories is going with him to the bakery to get a chocolate babka; one of my all-time favorite desserts.

There are two types of desserts called "babka." Both originated in Eastern Europe, but I will be discussing the "Jewish babka" – which

is a twisted length of dough with chocolate (or sometimes cinnamon) and usually topped with a sweet streusel. It is also usually baked in a loaf pan.

Although this delicious snack is known as an Eastern European dessert, the dish may have originated in Italy as a dessert known as panettone. It is possible that after **Queen Bona Sforza** tasted this confectionary on a trip to Italy in the late 1500s, she brought it back with her to her homeland of Poland. The dish spread throughout Eastern Europe, and various versions were created. Having a Polish origin, its name is also derived from Poland. It is believed that the dish was first named *baba*, which means "grandmother." The dessert was first made in taller round pans and may have been designed with what looks like pleats along its side, so it may have symbolized a grandmother's pleated skirt. Over time the dish was not made as tall, and the name changed to the current *babka*, or "little grandmother."

Because of the cost and availability of chocolate in Eastern Europe until the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it is likely that the chocolate version of babka was not developed until the very late 1800s or early 1900s, when Jews immigrating to the New World began experimenting with the cheaper, and readily available chocolate.

Today chocolate babka (or some variation thereof) can be found in many bakeries around the U.S. One popular version in the Northeast is kokosh, which is not baked in a loaf pan. Also rugelach, which are small bite-sized pastries, are very similar (dough usually rolled with chocolate or cinnamon), and a version called Krantz Cake has become one of the more popular delicacies in Israel (although many U.S. bakers are calling it babka).

I talked of the Russian Revolution to begin this article. The babka has had a revolution of its own the last few years and has been making its way a more popular dessert. It has also been re-invented into even newer variations which include babka donuts, babka ice cream, and even babka pizza.

### Recipe

Since I do not have space in this article to provide a full recipe for chocolate babka, including all of its many steps, I would like to suggest doing some of your own web surfing looking for a recipe you like of the traditional dessert, or maybe try one of the newer variations. I wonder what babka pizza would taste like. . .



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

This is the last 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

**Savage Feast: Three Generations, Two Continents, and Dinner Table (A Memoir with Recipes) by Boris Fishman**

The acclaimed author of *A Replacement Life* and *Don't Let My Baby Do Rodeo* shifts between heartbreak and humor in this gorgeously told recipe-filled memoir. It follows his Jewish family—and their richly-described dinner tables—across three generations, from 1945 Belarus to 2017 Brooklyn. A family story, an immigrant story, a love story, and an epic meal, *Savage Feast* explores the challenges of navigating two cultures from an unusual angle. “Fishman grounds the narrative with his witty prose and well-translated family recipes...[this] sprawling immigrant saga masterfully evokes a family that survives, united by food (Publishers Weekly)”

A revealing personal story and family memoir told through meals and recipes, *Savage Feast* begins with Boris’s childhood in Soviet Belarus, where good food was often worth more than money. He describes the unlikely dish that brought his parents together and how years of Holocaust hunger left his grandmother so obsessed with bread that she always kept five loaves on hand. She was the stove magician and Boris’ grandfather the master black marketer who supplied her, evading at least one firing squad on the way. These spoils kept Boris’ family—Jews who lived under threat of discrimination and violence—provided for and protected.

Despite its abundance, food becomes even more important in America, which Boris’ family reaches after an emigration through Vienna and Rome filled with marvel, despair, and bratwurst. How to remain connected to one’s roots while shedding their trauma? The ambrosial cooking of Oksana, Boris’s grandfather’s Ukrainian home aide, begins to show him the way. His quest takes him to a farm in the Hudson River Valley, the kitchen of a Russian restaurant on the Lower East Side, a Native American reservation in South Dakota, and back to Oksana’s kitchen in Brooklyn. His relationships with women—troubled, he realizes, for reasons that go back many generations—unfold concurrently, finally bringing him, after many misadventures, to an American soulmate. *Savage Feast* is Boris’ tribute to food, that secret passage to an intimate conversation about identity, belonging, family, displacement, and love.

**Boris Fishman** was born in Minsk, Belarus, and immigrated to the United States in 1988. His work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New York Times*, *Book Review*, and other publications. He is the author of the novels *A Replacement Life*, which was a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year and won the VCU Cabell First Novelist Award and the American Library Association’s Sophie Brody Medal, and *Don't Let My Baby Do Rodeo*, which was also a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. He teaches in Princeton University’s Creative Writing Program and lives in New York City.

## Intentional Acts of Kindness

There have been too many reasons lately that can cause one to feel scared, upset, angry, or disconnected. I would like to share an observation of life here at Neve Shalom (“oasis of peace”) that may help you push away those feelings and rekindle your faith in those around you.



Recently a member of your synagogue family attended morning minyan to say Kaddish for a yahrzeit. The leader of the service that particular morning noticed that this member’s yahrzeit was listed for the prior day. The leader quietly asked the member if the date on the list was incorrect and should be changed. The member stated that the list was correct and they had attended minyan the previous day. Out of concern that there be enough people for anyone needing to say Kaddish this member returned for services that next day. This one selfless act made a positive impact on the member, the leader, and now all of us as we learn of this caring and compassionate member of our synagogue family.

I plan to submit a letter sharing another demonstration of the kindness of our Neve Shalom family members in the monthly bulletin going forward. I hope you will look for and be a part of another of these displays of love and goodness that is in each of us.

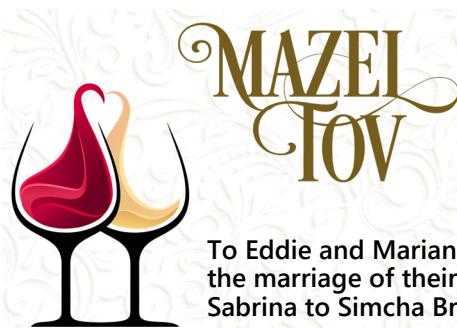
—Nancy Shlossman

## SUMMER SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR USY PROGRAMS

The Youth Fund will be offering subsidies for USY on Wheels and USY Israel Pilgrimage. As always, funds are available for cases of financial need. In addition, subsidies will be awarded based on merit. To apply, USYers should submit a letter no later than March 29 to [youthfund@neveshalom.net](mailto:youthfund@neveshalom.net).

The letter should detail his/her involvement with the USY chapter, the synagogue, the community and Jewish education. It should also address why he/she feels it is important to participate in the program, what he/she will bring back to the youth group and the local Jewish community, and how the experience will help in the future. If there are any financial issues that should be considered, parents should add a note detailing them. Please include your phone number.

Requests will be held in the strictest confidence and will only be shared with the Youth Fund sub-committee. All those planning to participate in a USY summer program are encouraged to apply by the deadline. Late requests may not be considered.



To Eddie and Marian Sztienbaum on the marriage of their daughter Sabrina to Simcha Brick.

# Ritually Speaking

By Andrea L. Colby, Vice President, Ritual

## Chag Purim Sameach

On the evening of March 20 and on March 21 (the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar in the Hebrew calendar), we will gather to celebrate the festival of Purim. This holiday is the commemoration of the miracle that took place in ancient Persia: the evil **Haman**, viceroy to **King Achashveros**, attempted to kill all of the Jews of Persia. Thanks to the courage of **Queen Esther** and her cousin **Mordechai**, the evil decree was averted and the Persian Jews survived.

On Purim, we will gather together in our Sanctuary to pay tribute to our brave ancestors and experience the joy of surviving the challenges they faced by listening to the reading of the Book of Esther (*Megillat Esther*), obliterating the name of the malicious Haman and rejoicing in our freedom and continued existence as a Jewish people.

There are four ways in which we traditionally observe Purim: (1) hearing *Megillat Esther* recited; (2) sharing food gifts with friends (*michloach manot*); (3) giving charity to the poor (*matanot l'evyonim*); and (4) enjoying a festive meal (*seudah mitzvah*). In our synagogue, we are fortunate to have many able chanters of *Megillat Esther*, a lovely service planned on the evening of March 20 at which we will all gather together to celebrate.

We are also blessed to have the sponsorship of a synagogue-wide program to facilitate our giving *mishloach manot* by **Richard and Jennifer Bullock**. They have made it easy to participate in this ancient tradition, intended to ensure that everyone in the community has enough food to enjoy the Purim feast and to increase the feeling of friendship and love among our community and neighbors.

Best wishes to all for a joyous Purim festival! We look forward to celebrating together! 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 18 (please note change from June 4). See you there!

## Men's Club Minute

By Lon Dobbs, Men's Club President

I hope everyone has been enjoying all of the Men's Club events we have brought to you this year, such as last month's World Wide Wrap and Keruv programs. This month we are presenting a comedy night at The Stress Factory on March 24. In addition, the Men's Club will be participating in the Purim Party this year by conducting a food demonstration. Looking towards next month, get ready for the Men's Club Shabbat (weekend of April 5) and the not-so-pasta Pasta Night on April 28. We look forward to seeing you at all of these events.

## Neve Shalom Honors Barbara & 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**. If you have any questions please contact:

**Kenneth Braverman** @ [kenny@nuts.com](mailto:kenny@nuts.com),  
**Jaclyn Danziger** @ [jaclyn@allducky.com](mailto:jaclyn@allducky.com)  
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The Neve Shalom leadership has begun this year of celebration of our community to achieve three goals:

- I. Enhance our ritual home so that it continues to support our spiritual growth and the nourishment of our souls.
- II. Secure our future by enriching and strengthening our extensive programming.
- III. Expand our reach into the larger community.

For more information, contact:  
[journeytogether@neveshalom.net](mailto:journeytogether@neveshalom.net)



## Why We're Investing in Kadima b'Yachad

Stephen and Jacqueline Alter

From the moment we enrolled our oldest son in Neve's Nursery School more than 10 years ago, we knew that we had found our Jewish home... Over the subsequent years, and to this day, Neve Shalom has been a welcome addition to our lives. We have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with our Jewish community through meaningful services and sermons, and through the shul's wide array of thoughtful and innovative programming.

As we continue to try and emphasize the importance of Judaism and community to our own children, we are happy to support Neve's Kadima B'Yachad initiative. It is important to us that our children, along with future generations, call Neve Shalom their Jewish home as well...

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

### Torah Readers

Ben Alter .....	T 1
Jack Bullock .....	1
Lawrence Dombrow .....	2
Marlene Fineman .....	2
Rosalie Green .....	1
Bruce Greenberg .....	2
Jonathan Hersch.....	1
Miriam Kafker.....	1
Rena Kallman.....	1
Karen Newman.....	9
Aron Richman.....	1
Nina Robbins .....	T 1

Mark Rosenfield .....	11
Michele Rosenfeld.....	9
Shoshana Scheinberg .....	T 1
Debbie Schildkraut .....	2
Stacey Sern.....	2
Barbara Spack.....	1
Alan Stern.....	2
David Yellin.....	10
<b>Haftarah</b>	
Risa Kampel.....	T
Sidney Krane	
Phil Schreiber	
David Yellin	



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. 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!



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**Neve Shalom**

## Dream Weavers in the Neve Shalom Loom Room

The **Tabak Family**, with Eli doing most of the weaving, spent special and meaningful time together weaving Eli's tallit, atarah (neckband) and tallit bag. Eli's mother, **Jenny**, commented, "This amazing experience was incredibly special!" Eli reflected, "It is awesome and surprising how easy it was to weave and how good it looks."

Participating were Eli and his parents, Jenny and **Dan** who was bar mitzvahed at Neve in 1983, sister **Tovah**, grandparents **Judy** and **Sy** and **Uncle Dave Tabak** who was bar mitzvahed at Neve in 1982. Judy Tabak said, "Sy and I are delighted to have the opportunity to participate in this important event in Eli's life by contributing in the weaving of his tallit." This experience was "priceless" to all.

Have your own "priceless" experience by weaving a tallit, challah cover, tallit bag, matzoh cover, afikomen bag or even a chuppah! Make an heirloom for yourself, with or for someone special.

Give it a try!! YOU can do it!! Are you and your friends all invited to the same affair? Why not get together on a gift and weave a tallit or even a wedding chuppah? What a beautiful joint gift from all of you. A gift that would be treasured for years to come.

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



## Eastern Europe to Israel: A Summer of Experiences

*By Danielle Stein*

This summer, I had the opportunity of a lifetime. I traveled to Eastern Europe and Israel with USY. After forty days of smiling, crying, laughing, and making memories, I came off the trip with 34 new best friends and memories to last forever. Within five and a half weeks, I traveled back through the history of synagogues in Prague, walked through the hardships and stories of concentration camps in Poland, and lastly, hiked and explored all through Israel.

Just a few days after settling in and getting to know everyone, we headed into our first ghetto from the Holocaust. Nothing hits harder than walking through your first ghetto or concentration camp. The Terezin Ghetto was horrifying. While there, we walked the streets where many Jews had suffered years ago. We walked into a cellar that had been converted into a secret synagogue, and concluded with a walk around a river; the same river that the SS soldiers dumped thousands of Jews' ashes into. The drive back was completely silent.

The next week and a half consisted of traveling through Poland visiting four different concentration camps. Walking through the gate at Auschwitz reading "Arbeit Macht Freit" (Work sets you free) was painful. At each camp, Auschwitz, Birkenau, Treblinka and Majdanek, we saw where many of our

family members had been murdered not too long ago. At the end of each camp, I sat on the train tracks or in the empty fields just reflecting and thinking about everything I had just seen, trying to process it all. As difficult as all the camps were, I was glad that I got to go through the journey with all my new friends.

After two weeks of crying and tracing back through history, it was finally time to travel to Israel. Walking off the plane at 4:00 am in Israel was one of the happiest moments of the entire trip. Right from the airport, we drove directly to the overlook of Jordan and the Western Wall to daven a sunrise Shacharit. I remember being in the middle of the Amidah looking around, breathing in the Israel air, and saying to my friend, "I thought I'd never make it here". That moment started my amazing Israel journey.

I had so many incredible memories throughout my time in Israel but my favorites would definitely include hiking Masada and the last Shabbat in Jerusalem. Masada was a big day! We woke up at 4:00 am and drove from the Bedouin tents right to the bottom. The hike up took a lot of energy, strength, and motivation, but when we reached the top, it was all worth it. The view was magical. We davened sunrise Shacharit, breathing in all the fresh air and just taking in the view for ourselves.

The day leading up to Shabbat was so exciting. We walked through the shuk, and we brought in Shabbat at the overlook of Jordan and the Western Wall just how we started our journey in Israel four weeks earlier. Kabbalat Shabbat was so powerful, and then on Shabbat morning I had the opportunity to choose a synagogue where I would daven. I chose Shira Chadasha. Even though men and women were separated, they kept opening the mechitzah, bringing everyone together. The day we were there, there was a baby naming and they opened the mechitzah and everyone came together with their arms wrapped around each other singing "Hamalach Hagoel". That was a special moment I will never forget.

From USY's home Agron in Jerusalem, to Tel Aviv, snorkeling in Eilat, camel riding, hiking up Masada, donkey riding, Bedouin tents, sleeping in the desert, and everything in between, this summer was absolutely amazing. My pilgrimage trip has so far been the best experience of my life and I would like to thank the Susy Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund for helping me get there. G5 gave me everything I hoped for in a summer and more, and I couldn't be more thankful for my lifelong friends and incredible memories.



*The Donald and Ruth Kahn*  
**One Community Book & Author Event**

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 10 a.m.**

Hear from authors about their books that address the theme of Jewish Immigration to America:

- Gain insight into our families' histories of immigration and current American identity.
- Reflect on current public and political interest in America's newest immigrants.



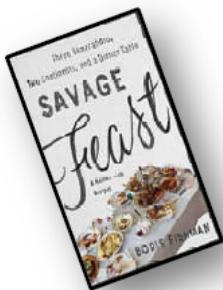
**Elissa Brent Weissman author of The Length of String**

A middle school age/young adult novel about a 13-year-old girl who gains insight into her own adoption through reading the diary her adoptive, Jewish great-grandmother wrote chronicling her escape from Holocaust-era Europe and her new life with an adoptive American family. (Hebrew school children - 5-7<sup>th</sup> grade - will be attending this presentation; their parents are encouraged to join them and stay for the entire program.)



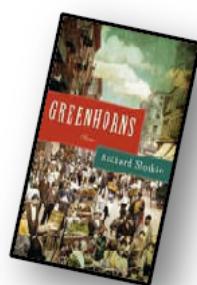
**Betsy Carter author of We Were Strangers Once**

A novel about the perseverance, hopes, and challenges facing a circle of German Jewish and other immigrants to 1930's era New York as they try to assimilate into American culture and make a good life for themselves. It is a compassionate and realistic story which reminds us of the humanity in the current wave of immigration to the U.S.



**Boris Fishman author of Savage Feast: Three Generations, Two Continents, and a Dinner Table (A Memoir with Recipes)**

A gorgeously told recipe-filled memoir which follows this writer's Jewish family - and their richly-described dinner tables - across three generations, from 1945 Belarus to 2017 Brooklyn. Shifting between humor and heartbreak, it is an immigrant saga which masterfully evokes a family that survives, united by food.



**Richard Slotkin author of Greenhorns: Stories**

Six powerfully universal stories - which blur memoir and fiction - open a window into the experience of Jewish immigration in the 20th century, including the violent circumstances and emotional costs of uprooting, the problematic process of assimilation, and how immigrants' uncertainty of their place in America shaped the lives of their American descendants.

Meet authors and hear their stories. ● Books will be available for sale.  
Book signing by authors. ● Free and open to the public. ● Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

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Neve Shalom Hebrew School on March 24 will meet at the JCC on Oak Tree Road at its usual times 9-noon (Gan and 1st grade can stay till noon for free).

We encourage teens and adults to volunteer to help with the Purim Carnival.  
Contact Marge Wise Director@NeveShalom.net to pick your times.

All carnival games are free, though food, Reptile Show and raffle tickets will be available for sale. Please come with your kids to the carnival after school. Children in costume receive extra prize tickets. There will be special activities for Middle School age students. Contact Hazzan@NeveShalom.net for more info.

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Didn't pre-register? Pizza slices available for \$3 at the door.

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Hear the full megillah, intermixed with a costume parade, sing-a-long, Purim pantomime, and more!

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**Saturday, Mar. 16 Neve Shalom Family Shabbat Morning Service**  
 (grades K-7)  
**10:45-11:45am**

**The service will be led by Hazzan Levin**  
 With interactive programs, stories, songs and prayers.

Neve Shalom **Shabbat Kef** After Shul Fun  
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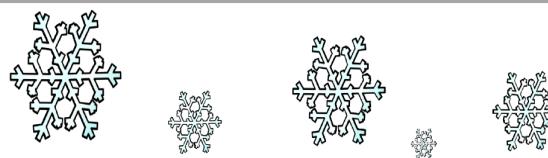
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The cost will be \$30 per family, or \$10 per adult/\$5 per child.

Please RSVP with your payment by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>!

# HAPPY PURIM!

Neve Shalom Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer  
SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



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Friday and Saturday, Mar. 22 & 23, 2019

Friday 7:30pm: *Life and Thought of Abraham Joshua Heschel*

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Please contact Rita in the office at (732) 548-2238 or  
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**Neve Shalom**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2019**  
**9am-noon Free**  
Workshops for  
Pre-Schoolers,  
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9am Morning Minyan and Hebrew School classes

9:45am Cooking Demonstration led by Men's Club  
Hands-on Pesach Art projects for Hebrew School and parents  
Rabbi Rosin will teach "Passover: Finding Our Why"

10:30 Concert by the Hebrew School kids of Pesach Songs

11:00 Hazzan Levin will teach "Fun Ways to Include Children in your Seder"  
Cooking Demonstration led by Men's Club  
Pesach Kosher Wine tasting (Adults Only) sponsored by the Sisterhood  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Service Times</b> Shabbat morning: 9:30 am <b>Morning Minyan:</b> Mondays, Thursdays and Fast Day: 6:45 am Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 7:00 am Sundays: 9:00 am Rosh Chodesh: 6:35 am					<b>1</b> Candles 5:31 pm Shabbat Dinner 6 pm Services 7:30 pm Youth Service	<b>2</b> <b>Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim</b> Mincha/Maariv 5 pm
<b>3</b> Youth Learning Team 9 am Rabbi's Class 10 am Hazzan's and Rabbi Appel's Class 11:15 am	<b>4</b> Planning Comm 7 pm Torah on Tap, Kadima, and Sisterhood all at 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Ritual Comm 7:30 pm	<b>6</b> 12 Tremendous Texts 12:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 8 pm	<b>7 Rosh Chodesh</b> Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Men's Club 7 pm	<b>8 Rosh Chodesh</b> Candles 5:38pm Services 6:30 pm	<b>9 Pekudei</b> Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm
<b>10 Daylight Savings Time</b> Challah Pickup 9 am Rabbi's Class 10 am Hanoar 12 pm Nursery School Family Dinner-Dance 4 pm	<b>11</b> Planning Comm 7 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm Finance Comm 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> History and Politics of Arab-Israeli Conflict 12:30 pm 55 Plus Group 1 pm	<b>14</b> Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Fundraising Comm 7:30 pm	<b>15 Guess Who's Coming To Shabbas?</b> Candles 6:46 pm Services 6:30 pm	<b>16 Vayikra</b> Family Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Kef 12 pm Mincha/Maariv 6:15 pm Comedy Night 8:15 pm
<b>17</b> 7th grade Trip to NY Blood Drive 8 am – 1 pm Rabbi's Class 10 am My Jewish Journey 11 am See and Sample 2 pm Nursery School Parents Night-Out 5:30 pm	<b>18</b> Planning Comm 7 pm Book Club, Kadima, and Torah on Tap all at 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> Colonia Hadassah 7 pm	<b>20 Fast of Esther</b> Purim Dinner 5:45 pm Purim Service and Megillah Reading 6:30 pm	<b>21 Purim</b> Membership Comm 7:30 pm	<b>22 Shushan Purim</b> Candles 6:53 pm Services 7:30 pm with Scholar-In-Residence Susannah Heschel	<b>23 Tsav</b> Scholar-In-Residence Susanna Heschel Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm
<b>24</b> Hebrew School at JCC 9-11 am Followed by Purim Carneval 11 am <hr/> <b>31</b> Don and Ruth Kahn Book Event 10 am Hanoar 12 pm	<b>25</b> Planning Comm 7 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm <hr/> USY 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> House Comm 7 pm Synagogue Board 7:30 pm	<b>27</b> History and Politics of Arab-Israeli Conflict 12:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 8 pm	<b>28</b> Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm Youth Comm 7:30 pm	<b>29 Hadassah Shabbat</b> Candles 7:01 pm Services 6:30 pm	<b>30 Shmini Shabbat Parah</b> Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm