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From the Bimah

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Telling the Story of Israel

One of the best ways to support Israel at this moment of crisis is to be able to tell Israel's story. The Israel Awareness Committee is creating a series of education events. This initiative is called "One Book One Israel One People".

The first book we read was **Noa Tishby's Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth**. This book is a quick read and tells both sides of the story in a very personal way.

The second book we are reading will be **Daniel Gordis' Impossible Takes Longer**. Gordis looks at Israel's Declaration of Independence and uses it as a springboard to take a deep dive into the successes and failures of Israel. We will gather on Thursday January 11 at 7:00 pm. **Michael Kleiman** chairs this initiative.

One way to tell Israel's story is to refute the anti-Israel rhetoric. How do we respond when critics call Israel an apartheid state? First you need a definition. Here is one from Amnesty International. "Apartheid is a violation of public international law, a grave violation of internationally protected human rights, and a crime against humanity under international criminal law."

"The term "apartheid" was originally used to refer to a political system in South Africa which explicitly enforced racial segregation, and the domination and oppression of one racial group by another. Amnesty International adds " Apartheid can best be understood as a system of prolonged and cruel discriminatory treatment by one racial group of members of another with the intention to control the second racial group."

Now the facts. Israel is a nation of 9.5 million people of whom 20% are Arab. In Israel proper Arabs have full voting rights, serve in the Knesset and on the Supreme Court. 9% of all judges are Arab in the Israeli court system. Israel is one of the only places in the Middle East where Arab women can vote. In one recent election the Ra'am Party became the first Arab party to join a governing coalition. Arabs are not drafted into the army but they may volunteer, currently over 1000 serve in the IDF. Street signs are in Arabic; in a grocery store every package has both Hebrew and Arabic.

Israel does not meet the definition as defined by Amnesty International.

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Lifelong Learning in the Community

These are all free if you register for Lifelong Learning, at Neve Shalom, the JCC, or Temple Emanu-El. Each will be shown twice at **Tuesdays 11:30 am and 7:00 pm on Zoom only.**

• **JANUARY 9**

"I Am Israel" introduces you to Jewish men and women whose very lives are a testimony to the promises of God. Produced by Christian filmmakers with gorgeous sights and stories of Israel and Israelis. Narrated by **John Rhys-Davies**. Documentary, English 2 hrs 2017

• **JANUARY 16**

"Lady in Number Six" is one of the most inspirational and uplifting stories of the year. 109 year old, **Aliza Sommer-Herz**, the world's oldest pianist and Holocaust survivor shares her story on how to achieve a long and happy life. She discussed the importance of music, laughter and how to have an optimistic outlook on life. Academy Award-winning Documentary Short: English 39 minutes 2013

• **JANUARY 23**

"The Angel" is a true story of **Ashraf Marwan**, who was President Nasser's son-in-law and special adviser and

confidant to his successor, **Anwar Sadat** - while simultaneously Israeli Intelligence's most precious asset of the 20th century. Based on NYT bestselling book *The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel* by **Uri Bar-Joseph**. This gripping, almost unbelievable, story of the events leading up to and during the Yom Kippur war are fascinating and amazing. 1hr 54 min. Action, Drama, Biography: English (some Hebrew or Arabic with subtitles) 2018

• **JANUARY 30**

"Catcher was a Spy" stars **Paul Rudd** as Moe Berg, a former baseball player who joined the war effort during World War II and participated in espionage for the U.S. Government. **Jeff Daniels, Tom Wilkinson, and Paul Giamatti** also star. The film premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival. Biography, Drama: English 94 min. 2018 rated R.

It's still possible to sign up for Lifelong learning at: <https://www.neveshalom.net/form/LLL-5784.html>



Out and About with Neve Shalom



Michele Rosenfield, Rabbi Schoenberg and Andrea Colby at the USCJ conference in Baltimore.



Rabbi Schoenberg at the Metuchen Menorah lighting on December 7th, the first night of Chanukah.



Rabbi Cathy Felix (Rabbi Schoenberg's wife), Rabbi Gershom Sizomu of Abayudaya, Uganda and Rabbi Schoenberg at the USCJ conference

Religious School News

By Miriam Dobin, Religious School Director



Oh Chanukah, oh Chanukah, come light the menorah... a lovely morning was shared by talmidim/students, and horim/parents alike. **Rabbi Schoenberg** lit the candles on the chanukiah, we recited the brachot/blessings, sang numerous songs, and enjoyed lively circle dancing. The yeladim/children and parents designed Chanukah art, and thoroughly enjoyed decorating and eating sufganiot/donuts for dessert. We welcomed **Devorah Landau**, a certified Family Educator, who captured our attention through the art of Storytelling. Much Hakarat hatov/thanks and appreciation, to **Eliot Spack** who generously sponsored our crafts and refreshments through the Suzy Schwartz Scholarship Fund.

Now that winter vacation has passed, we are ready to resume the second half of the year. We are looking forward to our Tu B'shvat seder later this month as we explore and sample a variety of fruits that are well known tastes connecting us to Israel.

It has been several years since we took a trip off campus. We are excited to be going to The Jewish children's Museum in Crown Heights, NY! It will be interesting to see how the stories we have learned about from our Torah come to life as we explore the six days of Creation, Shabbat, and our precious chagim/holidays.



**TORAH / HAFTARAH READERS
FOR NOVEMBER**

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“VOLUNTEERING offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career.

Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health.”

If this describes you, call the Neve Shalom office and volunteer!

You’ll be glad you did!

January Speaker / February Scholar

On Sunday, January 21 at 10:00 am the Hayat Speaker series continues with a very entertaining talk “Kvetch-22: Jewish Jokes about Arguing with God.” The guest speaker will be **Andrew Silow-Carroll** (*at right*) who is editor at large for *The Jewish Week*, and managing editor for ideas at the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), and formerly editor of the *Forward*.



Starting with *Genesis*, Jews have had the audacity to argue with God. We’ll read Jewish jokes and texts not only about Jews who tease, argue, cajole, and banter with their Creator, but who actually expect to win. And we’ll explore whether this is blasphemy, or a noble impulse endorsed by tradition and four out of five rabbis.

The talk will be in-person and on Zoom, [using our usual Shabbat Zoom link](#). There is no charge and we think you will have some laughs and learn interesting info as well.

The annual Neve Shalom Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer Scholar-in-Residence event be held in February. This year’s presenter will be one of the Conservative’s Movement’s leading Jewish legal authorities of our time. **Professor Rabbi David Golinkin**, (*at right*) who lives and teaches in Israel, will join us in person at Neve Shalom. He will be speaking on Sunday, February 11 about Women and Jewish Law.



At 10:30 am his topic will be “Ethics of War and Redemption of Captives in Jewish Law,” followed by a free light lunch. Reservations are required. Please call 732-548-2238 to let us know who is coming to the luncheon. Lunch is sponsored by the Neve Shalom Sisterhood and Adult Education Committee.

After lunch, at 1:00 pm, Professor Golinkin will speak about Jewish Law and Abortion.

David Golinkin is an American-born Conservative rabbi and Jewish scholar who has lived in Jerusalem since 1972. He is President Emeritus of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies and Professor of Jewish Law at that school in Jerusalem, Israel.

We invite you to join our list of **BENEFACTORS** (*List in formation*): **Benna Brodsky and Frank Thompson, Lena Feld, Sandra Fields, Renee Frank, Joy and Sam Grafton, Gilbert and Claudie Hayat, Freyda and Michael Kleiman, Ben and Gladys Leibowitz, Beverly and Stephan Perry, Barbara Reed, Barbara and Eliot Spack.**

Lectures will use the regular Shabbat Zoom links. Contact the office for more details.

HISTORIC ISRAEL: THE LATRUN MONASTERY

By Linda Gotlib

The survival of Jerusalem's citizens in the spring of 1948 can be traced to the events that took place at the Burma Road and the Latrun Monastery which are located thirty minutes from Jerusalem heading towards Tel Aviv. The Burma Road was built in May, 1948 to bring food and supplies to Jerusalem and save it from a siege imposed by Arab forces. Since the main highway, Highway 1, from Shaar Hagay to Jerusalem was controlled by Arabs, Israeli convoys with food, weapons and medical supplies rarely reached Jerusalem. They came under constant attack and sustained heavy losses. With



Jerusalemites starving, the Israeli Army appointed **General Mickey Marcus**, an American, to build a road to save the City. Using an old goat path through the hills above Highway 1, soldiers, most of whom were recent Holocaust survivors, widened and smoothed the path using small hand tools. The road saved Jerusalem's residents from certain starvation in May, 1948. Today the road is a hiking and biking trail and goes past old orchards, olive groves and abandoned Arab villages. There are memorials, signposts and observation points along the way with explanations about its construction and history.

Nearby is the Latrun Monastery which was built in 1890 by French Trappist monks as a way station for Christian pilgrims. It overlooks Highway 1. The church was designed in Byzantine and Gothic styles and is home to monks who take a vow of silence. When the British withdrew from the British police station in Latrun on May 15, 1948, the area came under the control of the Palmach's Harel Brigade for three days until they were overrun by the Arab Legion. Fierce fighting between the Israeli Army and Arab Legion for control of Highway 1 occurred around the Monastery. Today the Monastery sells homemade wines and olive oil. It is a beautiful and quiet place (the monks still keep their vows of silence) with decorative gardens, vineyards and olive groves.

The village of Neve Shalom is located on one of Latrun's hilltops and was settled in an effort to show that Arabs and Jews can live together in peace. As of 2011, there were 236 residents. The land the community sits on was purchased from the Latrun Monastery and was first settled in 1978.

Close to the Burma Road and Latrun Monastery is the Tegart Fort in Yad La Shiryon which has a memorial to the fallen soldiers in the Israel Armored Corps. Its museum displays tanks and captured vehicles. The outer wall of the fort is deeply marked showing the intensity of the battles fought over this area in Israel's War of Independence.

Today the Latrun area and the Monastery are one of Israel's most beautiful with views of Jerusalem and the surrounding villages. It offers a glimpse of the courage and tenacity of Israel's newly minted army to free Jerusalem from certain starvation in May, 1948.

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AM ISRAEL CHAI

Man of the Year / Youth of the Year

Neve Shalom is thrilled to announce the distinguished honorees for the Men's Club, Man of the Year and Youth of the Year, who will proudly represent our community at the upcoming FJMC New Jersey regional brunch. This prestigious event, taking place on January 7 at Congregation B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick, promises to be an occasion of recognition and camaraderie.



Our Man of the Year, **Neil Stein**, (pictured, left) exemplifies dedication, leadership, and a steadfast commitment to our values. Through tireless efforts he has consistently embodied the spirit of Neve Shalom's Men's Club, becoming an inspiring figure within our congregation. His contributions and devotion have significantly enriched our community, and it's an honor to see him recognized at the regional level.

As the Executive Vice President and former Secretary of the Club, Neil's commitment knows no bounds. His unwavering support shines through in every aspect of temple life – from High Holiday preparations to constructing the sukkah, cooking at Men's Club events, and contributing to various synagogue support activities. Neil's belief in fostering a robust and dynamic Men's Club resonates deeply within our community.

For almost two decades, Neil, along with his wife **Michelle** and daughters **Danielle** and **Ilana**, has been an integral part of Neve Shalom. Their roots firmly planted here, they've celebrated significant milestones and actively engaged in various facets of our congregation, from schooling to community involvement. Neil's upbringing in Marlboro, New Jersey, and his prior affiliation with Ohev Shalom, Marlboro Jewish Center, have enriched his understanding and dedication to communal life.

Neil stands proud in accepting this esteemed honor, eager to share this recognition with Neve Shalom's Youth of the Year, **Ben Alter**.

Equally commendable is our Youth of the Year, Benjamin Alter, a beacon of enthusiasm, compassion, and promise. This exceptional individual represents the vibrant spirit and aspirations of our younger generation. Ben, a senior at John P. Stevens High School in Edison, NJ, embodies the essence of active participation and commitment to Neve Shalom. Born into this congregation, Ben has been an integral part of our temple life, showcasing remarkable dedication and leadership. His roles as a Torah reader, a Madrich in Neve's Religious School, and a vibrant leader in Neve's USY chapter underscore his devotion to our community.



Beyond his synagogue involvement, Ben has showcased his talents and dedication at his high school, excelling in academics, music, and community engagement. His participation in various bands, orchestras, and academic societies reflects his multifaceted interests and commitment to excellence.

Ben's vision extends toward a future in Environmental Engineering, with a possible minor in Music, aiming to further his education in college. His gratitude to the Neve Shalom Men's Club for this honor echoes his years of tireless volunteerism and dedication.

As Neve Shalom prepares to be represented by these remarkable individuals at the FJMC New Jersey regional brunch, let us unite in celebrating their achievements and showing unwavering support for their continued endeavors. Ads can be purchased online for the Honoree Journal and registration for the FJMC Brunch can be done online on the Neve website. Congratulations to Neil Stein and Ben Alter for their well-deserved recognition!

שמח
ט"ובשבת
Tu Bishvat





I have been asked to write a column about Hebrew. As you can see, I have chosen to name the column "I Love Hebrew". It is my hope that if I can't convince you to love Hebrew as well, that at least I can help you feel more comfortable with it; and most importantly to help you make meaning from it, even without having to master the language. The key to all of this, both why I love it, and how you can make meaning from it is the system of *shoreshim*, roots.

Hebrew is a logically organized language that says what it does and does what it says. (There is no getting to the end of a word only to discover that the 'magic E' changes the vowel sound from short to long.). If you know the *shoresh*, root and you know the grammatical structures that define the parts of speech (verb form, noun, adjective etc.), and a handful of prefixes and suffixes you can pretty much figure out any word. But not to worry. We are not going to dwell on the grammar. (Although if

you stick with me, you may end up picking up some of it. :)). We are going to focus on the *shoreshim*, roots.

Most words have a 3 letter *shoresh*, root. Like all languages, there are some exceptions, but most are 3 letters. Words containing the same root are almost always related. Sometimes these relationships are obvious. Other times, however, they inspire some deeper thinking. For example the word *tzedakah*, which is generally translated as 'charity' comes from the *shoresh*, root *צדק* which means 'justice, to do the right thing'. One could write an entire essay on the interconnectedness of 'charity' and 'justice'. But in Hebrew, such an essay is not needed. The *shoresh* says it all.

The first *shoresh* we are going to look closely at is: *אהב* which means 'love'. The table below shows four different words with that *shoresh* which is identified in blue. (All transliterations are my own. I am focused more on helping the English reader get the pronunciation right rather than trying to maintain the grammatical integrity of the Hebrew word). Later on, these table will have blanks in them!

to like, to love	Ahav	אָהַב	Verb, simple form
to fall in love	Heet-a-hayv	הִתְאַהַב	Verb, reflexive form
love	Ahavah	אַהֲבָה	Noun
And you shall love	V'ahavta	וְאַהֲבִיתָ	Expression

The paragraph below is the second blessing preceding the Shema and V'ahavta in the siddur. See if you can find all the words with the *shoresh* א.ה.ב :

אָהֲבָה רַבָּה אַהֲבַתְנוּ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ. חֲמֵלָה גְדוּלָה וַיִּתְּרָה חֲמֵלַת עֲלֵינוּ: אָבִינוּ מִלְכֵנוּ. בְּעֵבֹר אַבוֹתֵינוּ שְׁבַטְחוּ בָהּ. וַתִּלְמַדְם חֲקֵי חַיִּים כִּן תַּחֲנִנּוּ וַתִּלְמַדְנוּ: אָבִינוּ הָאֵב הַרְחֵמֵנוּ. הַמְרַחֵם. רַחֵם עֲלֵינוּ. וְתַן בְּלִבֵּנוּ לְהִבִּין וּלְהַשְׁכִּיל. לְשִׁמְעַ לְלַמֵּד וּלְלַמֵּד. לְשָׁמַר וּלְעֲשׂוֹת וּלְקַיֵּם אֶת כָּל דְּבָרֵי תִלְמוּד תּוֹרַתְךָ בְּאַהֲבָה: וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ בְּתוֹרַתְךָ. וְדַבֵּק לִבֵּנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ. וַיַּחַד לְבַבֵּנוּ לְאַהֲבָה וּלְיִרְאַה אֶת שְׁמֶךָ. וְלֹא גִבוּשׁ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד: כִּי בְשֵׁם קִדְשֶׁךָ הַגָּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא בְּטַחֲנוּ. נִגְיֵלָה וְנִשְׁמָחָה בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ: וְהִבִּיאֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם מֵאַרְבַּע כַּנְפוֹת הָאָרֶץ. וְתוֹלִיכֵנוּ קוֹמָמִיּוֹת לְאַרְצֵנוּ: כִּי אֵל פּוֹעֵל יְשׁוּעוֹת אֶתָּה. וּבָנוּ בְּחֵרֶת מְכַל עִם וּלְשׁוֹן. וְקִרְבַּתְנוּ לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל סֵלָה בְּאַמְתָּ: לְהוֹדוֹת לָךְ וּלְיִחְדָּךְ בְּאַהֲבָה: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'. הַבוֹחֵר בְּעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאַהֲבָה

YAHRTZEIT OBSERVANCES

Neve Shalom encourages those observing the Yahrzeit of a loved one to attend our daily minyan on the day associated with the Hebrew date of death, as listed below, so that you may recite the Mourner's Kaddish to honor them along with our Jewish community. To confirm the time of our daily morning minyan services, go to www.neveshalom.net/calendar or contact the synagogue office.

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HEBREW DATE	ENGLISH DATE	DECEASED'S NAME	MOURNER
20 Tevet	1/1/2024	Miriam Haber Paula Neuringer	Stepmother of Melissa Boxer Mother of Susan Lemerman
21 Tevet	1/2/2024	Stuart Grayson	Father of Jan Grayzel
22 Tevet	1/3/2024	Herman Tessler	Father of Martin Tessler
23 Tevet	1/4/2024	Miriam Frank	Mother of Renee Frank
24 Tevet	1/5/2024	Daniel Ader Philip Borack Seymour Heller Ted Schlesinger	Son of Steven and Linda Ader Father of Alan Borack Father of Marc Heller Brother of Ruth Sherman
25 Tevet	1/6/2024	Jerome Loshin Abraham Korbman	Father of Andrea Colby Grandfather of Florine Kaplan
26 Tevet	1/7/2024	Leonard Preminger George Boyarin	Father-in-law of Ira Artman Father of Lenore Boyarin
27 Tevet	1/8/2024	Edna Johnson Victor Szteinbaum	Mother of Christine Becker Father of Edward Szteinbaum
28 Tevet	1/9/2024	Daniel Emmer	Brother of Kenneth Emmer
1 Shevat	1/11/2024	Harriet Susan Schwartz	sister of Marilyn Stone
2 Shevat	1/12/2024	Jacob Hacker Ellison Scheck Luba Perlman Betty Wise E. Harry Korbman	Father of Peter Hacker Grandfather of Mindy Osterman Sister-in-law of Barbara Reed Sister of Stanley Schneider, Aunt of Steven Schneider Father of Florine Kaplan
3 Shevat	1/13/2024	Earle Schlitt	Father of Ira Schlitt
4 Shevat	1/14/2024	Abraham Saruya	Father-in-Law of Miriam Saruya
6 Shevat	1/16/2024	Zorach Duke Louis S. Goldberg Murray Keller	Father of Seymour Tabak Father of Edna Sherber Father of Malvin Keller
7 Shevat	1/17/2024	Freda Falk Lucy Breitbart	Grandmother of Richard Bullock Mother of Caroline Seidner, Grandmother of Shira Skolnick
9 Shevat	1/19/2024	Freda Clarkson	Mother of Charles Clarkson
10 Shevat	1/20/2024	Joseph Fox Mae Sachs	Father of Susan Vonsover Grandmother of Beverly Perry
11 Shevat	1/21/2024	Ruth Schonberger Stanley Cohen Gloria Preminger	Sister-in-law of Frances Schonberger Father of Francine Cohen Mother-in-law of Ira Artman
14 Shevat	1/24/2024	Morris Gary Evelyn H. Lemerman	Father of Herbert Gary Mother of David Lemerman
15 Shevat	1/25/2024	Edward Hecht Mollie R. Ginsburg Shirley Silver Albert Schrob Ethel Cicchino	Father of Sharon Zlotnick Mother of Marcia Horn Father-in-law of Aaron Strauss Father of Donna Wink Mother of William Cicchino
16 Shevat	1/26/2024	Gladys Goldblatt Kuznet Morris Breitbart Miriam Grayzel	Mother of Merle Lefkowitz Father of Caroline Seidner Mother of Ronald Grayzel
17 Shevat	1/27/2024	Sara Lea Miller Suzanne Reese	Grandmother of Ronald Becker Cousin of Miriam Kafka
18 Shevat	1/28/2024	David Tolins Leib Janovitz	Father of Madeline Tolins Father of Eugene Janovitz

HEBREW DATE	ENGLISH DATE	DECEASED'S NAME	MOURNER
18 Shevat	1/28/2024	Geri Oldman	Sister of Eleanor Massey
19 Shevat	1/29/2024	Arnold Storfer	Brother of Stanley Storfer
20 Shevat	1/30/2024	Anna Baras Jack Podelsky	Mother of Renee Bromberg Father of Abe Podelsky
21 Shevat	1/31/2024	Beth Fendell Marion Shepard Clara Scherl Paul Johnsen Julius Wise	Sister of Pamela Berenfeld Mother of Andrew Shepard Grandmother of Robin Horwitz Father of Christine Becker Brother-in-law of Stanley Schneider, Uncle of Steven Schneider



**ANSWER KEY
from page 7**

Here are the answers. The translation is also included below. But even without the translation, just by seeing the frequency of the *shoresh* ב.ה.א you could figure out the main idea of this prayer.

Bonus question: How can you figure out the main idea of any prayer? The answer will be in the next column.

Hebrew Resources:

If you would like learn the basics of reading Hebrew, contact me at mr399@optonline.net

If you know the basics and would like to practice reading, join us on Zoom, Sundays at 11:15. Contact me at the address above and I will send you the link.

If you are interested in practicing conversational Hebrew, contact Linda Gotlib at lindagotlib@gmail.com

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אָבִינוּ הָאֵב הַרְחֵמֵנוּ. הִמְרַחֵם. רַחֵם עָלֵינוּ. וְתֵן בְּלַבְנוּ לְהִבִּין וּלְהַשְׁכִּיל.
לְשִׁמְעַ. לְלַמֵּד וּלְלַמֵּד. לְשִׁמְר וּלְעֲשׂוֹת וּלְקַיֵּם אֶת כָּל דְּבָרֵי תִלְמוּד תּוֹרָתְךָ
בְּאַהֲבָה: וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ בְּתוֹרָתְךָ. וְדַבֵּק לַבְּנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ. וַיַּחַד לְבָבֵנו לְאַהֲבָה
וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת שְׁמֶךָ. וְלֹא נִבּוֹשׁ לְעוֹלָם וָעַד: כִּי בְשֵׁם קִדְשֶׁךָ הַגְּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא
בְּטַחְנוּ. נְגִילָה וְנִשְׁמַחָה בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ: וְהִבִּיאֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם מֵאַרְבַּע כַּנְפוֹת הָאָרֶץ.
וַתּוֹלִיכֵנוּ קוֹמְמִיּוֹת לְאַרְצֵנוּ: כִּי אֵל פּוֹעֵל יְשׁוּעוֹת אֶתְךָ. וּבָנוּ בְּחֶרֶת מִכָּל עַנ
וְלָשׁוֹן. וְקִרְבַּתֵּנוּ לְשִׁמְךָ הַגְּדוֹל סֵלָה בְּאַמֶּת: לְהוֹדוֹת לָךְ וּלְיִחְדָּךְ בְּאַהֲבָה:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה'. הַבוֹחֵר בְּעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאַהֲבָה

[With] great love You have loved us, Lord, our God; [with] great and abundant compassion have You had compassion upon us. Our Parent, our Sovereign — for the sake of our ancestors who trusted in You, and whom You taught laws of life, so [too] be gracious to us and teach us. Our Parent, merciful Parent, Who acts with compassion, have compassion on us and put into our hearts [comprehension] to understand and to discern, to listen, to learn and to teach, to keep, to practice, and to fulfill all the words of the teachings in Your Torah with love. And enlighten our eyes with Your Torah, and attach our hearts to Your mitzvot, and unify our hearts to love and revere Your Name; and may we never be embarrassed, for in Your holy Name— [which is] great and awe-inspiring— have we trusted; may we delight and rejoice in Your deliverance. Bring us in peace [wholeness] from the four corners of the earth; and lead us upright to our land. Because, You are the Almighty, Who performs acts of deliverance, and You have chosen us from among all peoples and languages, and You have brought us close to Your great Name in truth; to thank You and unify You with love. Blessed are You, Lord, Who chooses the people Israel with love.

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For any questions or further information, please contact me at:
education@neveshalom.net OR 732-548-2238 ext. 13.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, understanding, and support,

Miriam

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Jan. 9 *I Am Israel* is an epic film which will take you on a soaring journey through the Land of the Bible and introduce you to Jewish men and women whose very lives are a testimony to the promises of God. Produced by Christian filmmakers with gorgeous sights and stories of Israel and Israelis. Narrated by John Rhys-Davies
Documentary, English 2 hrs 2017



Jan. 16 *Lady in Number Six* is one of the most inspirational and uplifting stories of the year. 109 year old, **Aliza Sommer-Herz**, the world's oldest pianist and Holocaust survivor shares her story on how to achieve a long and happy life. She discussed the importance of music, laughter and how to have an optimistic outlook on life. Academy Award-winning Documentary Short: English 39 minutes 2013
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Jan. 23 *The Angel* is a true story of Ashraf Marwan, who was President Nasser's son-in-law and special adviser and confidant to his successor, Anwar Sadat - while simultaneously Israeli Intelligence's most precious asset of the 20th century. Based on NYT bestselling book *The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel* by Uri Bar-Joseph. This gripping, almost unbelievable, story of the events leading up to and during the Yom Kippur war are fascinating and amazing. 1hr 54 min. Action, Drama,



Biography: English (some Hebrew or Arabic with subtitles) 2018



Jan. 30 *Catcher was a Spy* stars Paul Rudd as Moe Berg, a former baseball player who joined the war effort during World War II and participated in espionage for the U.S. Government. Jeff Daniels, Tom Wilkinson, and Paul Giamatti also star. The film premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival.
Biography, Drama: English 94 min. 2018 rated R

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January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shabbat morning services 9:30 am Weekday morning minyan 7 am Sunday, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day morning minyan 9 am	1 20th of Tevet, 5784 New Year's Day Office closed Preschool closed	2 21st of Tevet, 5784 Ritual Comm 7:30 pm	3 22nd of Tevet, 5784 Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm Rabbinic Search Comm 7:30 pm	4 23rd of Tevet, 5784 Girl Scouts 6:15 pm Men's Club 7:30 pm	5 24th of Tevet, 5784 Candles 4:27 pm Happy Holy Hour 6 pm Shabbat services 7 pm	6 25th of Tevet, 5784 SHEMOT Mincha/Maariv 4 pm
7 26th of Tevet, 5784 Men's Club Man and Youth of the Year Brunch 12 pm	8 27th of Tevet, 5784 Torah on Tap 7:30 pm Finance Comm 7:30 pm	9 28th of Tevet, 5784 Film Series 11:30 am & 7 pm Executive Comm 7:30 pm	10 29th of Tevet, 5784 Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm Rabbinic Search Comm 7:30 pm	11 1st of Sh'vat, 5784 Rosh Chodesh Forever Young 11:30 am One Book, One Land, One People 7 pm House Comm 7:30 pm	12 2nd of Sh'vat, 5784 Candles 4:34 pm Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	13 3rd of Sh'vat, 5784 VAERA Abigail Brinen Bat Mitzvah Mincha/Maariv 4:15 pm
14 4th of Sh'vat, 5784 No Religious School Man of the Year Breakfast 9:45 am	15 5th of Sh'vat, 5784 Martin Luther King Day Hadassah Mitzvah Day Day of Service at 1st Presbyterian Church 10 am Adult Ed Committee 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	16 6th of Sh'vat, 5784 Film Series 11:30 am and 7 pm	17 7th of Sh'vat, 5784 Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm Membership Comm 7:30 pm Rabbinic Search Comm 7:30 pm	18 8th of Sh'vat, 5784 Girl Scouts 6:15 pm	19 9th of Sh'vat, 5784 Candles 4:42 pm Community Dinner 6 pm Shabbat Services 7:15 pm	20 10th of Sh'vat, 5784 BO Mincha/Maariv 4:15 pm
21 11th of Sh'vat, 5784 Tu B'Shevat Program 9 am Adult Ed Speaker 10 am Congregational Meeting 1 pm	22 12th of Sh'vat, 5784 Girl Scouts 6 pm Guest Speaker at JCC 7 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	23 13th of Sh'vat, 5784 Film Series 11:30 am and 7 pm Board of Directors 7:30 pm	24 14th of Sh'vat, 5784 Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm Rabbinic Search Comm 7:30 pm	25 15th of Sh'vat, 5784 Tu BiShvat	26 16th of Sh'vat, 5784 Candles 4:50 pm Shabbat Services 6:30 pm	27 17th of Sh'vat, 5784 BESHALLACH Shabbat Shirah Mincha/Maariv 4:30 Men's Club/Sisterhood Dinner 6 pm
28 18th of Sh'vat, 5784 Blood Drive 8 am-1 pm Bagels and Coffee at Minyan 9 am Susy Schwartz Concert Comm 11 am Worldly Jewish Dining 12:30 pm	29 19th of Sh'vat, 5784 Book Club 7:30 pm Torah on Tap 7:30 pm	30 20th of Sh'vat, 5784 Film Series 11:30 am and 7:30 pm	31 21st of Sh'vat, 5784 Preschool Winter Concert 9:30 am Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm Rabbinic Search Comm 7:30 pm			