



Program Guide

2018-2019
5779

Every Jewish Journey is unique.
Build yours with Neve Shalom.



Neve Shalom

Our Mission

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

Neve Shalom nurtures meaningful connections and supports spiritual growth in a warm, inclusive and enriching Jewish environment.

Our Community is about:

- Delivering a welcoming experience for every member at every stage of life.
- Actively exploring and living Jewish values and traditions.
- Inspiring all members by providing spiritual, cultural, social and educational experiences for our diverse multi-generational families.
- Supporting individual needs when celebrating holidays, festivals and lifecycle events, observing Shabbat, and studying Torah.

All of the incredible activities and programs at Neve Shalom would not be possible without our volunteers. They work hard each day to make our community what it is.

Neve Shalom offers opportunities for all members to enhance our community through involvement in committees and community-building social groups.

One Community

Lifelong Learning

The sound of learning can always be heard in the halls of Neve Shalom. Forge lifelong friendships through our nursery school, religious school, and adult education classes.

Vibrant Prayer

From traditional, to family, to yoga services, join us throughout the year to experience prayer the Neve way!

Engaging Events

Be part of our community; join us for religious, cultural, social, and tikkun olam (social justice) programs. Neve Shalom is here to celebrate with you during joyous occasions and to comfort you during sad ones. Whether you are welcoming a baby or rejoicing in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we encourage you to celebrate with us. At challenging times, our clergy and fellow congregants are here to support you.

Stay Connected!

Don't miss a beat at Neve Shalom. Subscribe to our emails and newsletters by emailing office@neveshalom.net.

Visit www.neveshalom.net/calendar day or night to get the most up-to-date information about upcoming speakers, programs, services, and events. Some programs require pre-registration and may have associated fees.



From Our President
Debbie Schildkraut

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Neve Shalom, I want to welcome you and wish you a very happy, healthy, and sweet New Year! On Rosh Hashanah, our Neve Shalom community comes together to celebrate the beginning of a new year in the history of our people, while we also celebrate another exciting year of educational, fun and meaningful programs, events, and celebrations. We are offering a wide range of offerings for every age.

I encourage you to review of all the exciting things listed in this guide and to hold onto it throughout the year to find things that fit into your schedule. Explore what we're offering each month and try something new! As you can see, our staff and volunteers have been working hard over the past year to plan an exciting and fulfilling year ahead. We are blessed to have a great team of energetic and enthusiastic people bringing forward many fun opportunities and I thank each and every one of them.

There are so many ways you can participate, and I also encourage you to not only sample this menu of choices, but to bring forward your ideas. We welcome you to participate in the implementing of any of these events as well. Volunteering is a big mitzvah and it provides a renewed sense of belonging. Whether you could sing in our choir, or prepare food for Kiddush in our kitchen, or want to work on one of our initiatives, or...want to visit or join one of our many committees...there is always a place for you here.

I look forward to hearing your ongoing feedback and ideas and seeing you at many of these great activities throughout the year!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at president@neveshalom.net!



From Our Rabbi
Eric Rosin

Welcome to another year at Neve Shalom! When people ask me to describe our community, there are so many places to start. I could begin by describing the number of members who lead services or read Torah in our prayer services. I could extol the spirited learning that takes place on Monday nights during the Men's Club's Torah on Tap gatherings, during the film series, or as part of our other adult education offerings. I could share stories of the creativity of our religious school students and staff, or kvell over the joy that fills our building each weekday when the preschool and kindergarten are in session. I could describe our communal celebrations or the ways that we have offered comfort to those among us who have needed support.

Ultimately, though, perhaps this publication is the best way to describe our community. It embodies the energy, the diversity and the warmth that extends from these walls out into the larger community and hopefully it will help you to see all of the ways that engaging in Neve Shalom can contribute to your intellectual, spiritual and civic life. May the year to come be a sweet and meaningful one for you and for every member of this sacred community.

Attend a service, take a class, or eat a meal with us! We hope that you will experience our vibrant community while making lifelong friendships and building meaningful relationships.

Neve Shalom has offered innovative and creative programming throughout our eighty-year history. Our goal is to build on our successes and offer a wide variety of programs, services, classes, and special events.

Holidays

The High Holy Days bring many memorable traditions and practices. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we offer both traditional services and alternative services. No matter which you choose, our services are designed to teach and inspire.

Dine in the Sukkah, dance on Simchat Torah, spin your dreidel on Hanukkah, and shake your grogger on Purim. Join us throughout the year to experience the rich traditions our holidays offer.

Shabbat

We welcome the Sabbath each Friday night with joyous singing and prayer. Our weekly celebration continues on Saturday with meaningful morning services, afternoon Mincha, and the evening Maariv service followed by Havdalah.

Daily Minyan

This intimate service meets each morning, joining together for prayer, fellowship, and Yahrzeit observances.

Monday and Thursday at 6:45am

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00am

Sunday at 9:00am

Rosh Chodesh weekdays at 6:35am

Welcome Back BBQ (for all ages)

Presented by the Men's Club

Join us for a hot dog and an opportunity to chat with friends. All are welcome!

Spirits n' Steak (for adults)

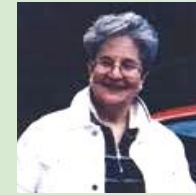
Presented by the Men's Club

Enjoy a tasting of spirits and a succulent steak dinner prepared by the Men's Club Kitchen Crew, while experiencing the *mitzvah* of eating in the sukkah.

Pizza in the Hut (for young families)

Presented by the Nursery School

Pizza in the Hut - Come celebrate the Jewish holiday of Sukkot together with us. The name literally means "feast of booths," where we all eat outdoors in an open air Sukkah (booth) and give thanks for the fall harvest! This invitation is open to all Neve Shalom Nursery School and Kindergarten students and their families.



**From Our
Synagogue Director**
Marge Wise

I am thrilled to be at Neve Shalom as your Director. The breadth and scope of your endeavors and offerings is inspiring! I look forward to meeting each of you, to working with each of you, to learning from you, and to imparting my perspective and my experience to help enhance everything we do at the synagogue. Helping you reach your goals is my goal!

Membership affiliation and retention, engagement, keruv, participation, learning and growing Jewishly - as we navigate our individual and our collective Jewish journeys - are some of my passions. Please stop by and say hi and share your passions - and what is important to you - with me. My door is open!

I invite and urge everyone to check out the many events and programs, service and candlelighting times, classes, meetings, and other wonderful events found in the Bulletin Calendar, Neve Now emails, and our flyers prominently displayed in the synagogue. Join us - we want you!

I wish you and your families a very healthy and happy 5779!

September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Selichot
2	3 Labor Day	4 1st Day of Nursery School	5 55 Plus Club	6 Nursery Parent Orientation	7 Community Shabbat Dinner	8
9 Erev Rosh Hashanah	10 Neve Schools Closed Rosh Hashanah	11 Neve Schools Closed Rosh Hashanah	12	13	14	15
16 1st Day of Hebrew School Welcome Back BBQ USY Car Wash Gift Shop Sale	17 Kadima / USY	18 Neve Schools Closed Erev Yom Kippur	19 Neve Schools Closed Yom Kippur Yizkor	20	21	22 Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society - Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer
23 Hanoar Erev Sukkot	24 Neve Schools Closed Sukkot	25 Bring Your Own Dairy Lunch Neve Schools Closed Sukkot	26 Interfaith Sukkah Lunch Sukkot	27 Spirits n' Steak Sukkot	28 Nursery Pizza in the Hut Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? Sukkot	29 Kiddush in the Sukkah Sukkot
30 Hebrew School Breakfast Sukkot Erev Shemini Atzeret	1	2	3	4	5	6

Adult Education Classes

Walking with Mitzvot *(for adults)*

With Rabbi Eric Rosin

Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Rabbi Rosin will offer classes based on the *Walking with Mitzvot* to examine the centrality and complexity of mitzvot - God's Commandments - in our practice of Judaism. We will study the history of the mitzvot, their centrality in our tradition, and how they shape and deepen the spirituality of our lives. The *Walking with Mitzvot* curriculum was prepared by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. The first semester is Sunday mornings starting Oct 7; second semester begins in January.

Lunch and Learn *(for adults)*

With Hazzan Sheldon Levin

Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Bring your own dairy lunch to *lunch and learn* on Jews in Classical and Popular Music. From Opera to Broadway, Classics to Pop, we will listen to, perform, and discuss Jewish roots in famous songs and productions.

Select Thursdays at noon:

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25

Nov 1, 8

Simchat Torah Festivities *(for all ages)*

Come sing, dance, and celebrate with the Torahs. Join us as we honor the Neve Shalom Chatan and Kallah Torah. On Tuesday we will serve our famous stuffed cabbage lunch.

Hobby Day *(for adults)*

Presented by the Men's Club

Show off your hidden abilities, interesting hobbies, and diverse interests to each other.

Justice at Dachau

Gilbert & Claudie Hayat Speaker Series

Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Joshua M. Greene has produced films for PBS and Disney, has served as vice president for New York's largest PR firm, and was appointed director of strategic planning for the United Nations Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders. He was also an adjunct professor at Hofstra University in New York and has numerous best-selling works.



Keruv

Keruv means welcoming and incorporating all into our synagogue, the Jewish community, and Jewish life itself. For interfaith families, members of the LGBTQ community, and those exploring Judaism, Neve Shalom offers a warm atmosphere where we seek to nurture and support your spiritual journey.

We offer a warm atmosphere where you can develop a meaningful connection to Judaism. Our members are as diverse as the communities in which we live; our vibrant adult and youth programs provide something for everyone.

Keruv consists of both attitude and action, openness, and warmth, assisting all – including those who are born Jews, interfaith families, and “seekers” who may be interested in exploring Judaism.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Keruv Committee at interfaith@neveshalom.net. We are happy to provide more information and answer your questions.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Neve Schools Closed Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Erev Simchat Torah	2 Neve Schools Closed Simchat Torah	3	4 Lunch & Learn Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting	5 Community Shabbat Dinner	6 Multiple Minyanim
7 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar Hebrew School Open House	8 Kadima Torah on Tap	9	10 55 Plus Club	11 Lunch & Learn Israeli Dancing	12 Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?	13 Sammy & Seiler Gross B'nai Mitzvah
14 Walking with Mitzvot Hobby Day My Jewish Journey	15 USY Torah on Tap	16	17	18 Lunch & Learn Israeli Dancing	19 Speaker: Justice at Dachau	20 Francine Lipschutz Bat Mitzvah
21 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar Interfaith Hunger Walk	22 Kadima Torah on Tap	23	24	25 Lunch & Learn Israeli Dancing	26	27 Rebecca Isler Bat Mitzvah
28 Walking with Mitzvot	29 USY Torah on Tap	30	31	1	2	3

Nursery School

Baby Music Class (under 12 months)

Please join us for a delightful musical experience. Spend time singing and dancing with your baby while getting a chance to meet and share experiences with other caregivers.

Mommy and Me (12-24 months)

Enjoy a wonderful experience with your child as we sing, dance, listen to stories, and make crafts. Offered one day a week for one hour.

Just Me (24-30 months)

This class, offered once or twice a week for two hours, gives children the opportunity to prepare for independent nursery learning.

Nursery School (2 ½ - 5 yrs old)

Through play and creative activities, our nursery school program provides children with a warm, enriching atmosphere that is both fun and challenging. Our program develops the whole child through developmentally-appropriate practices, which include social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive development. We explore Shabbat, Jewish holidays, and daily Jewish living. A summer program is also available.



Kindergarten: Full Day and Wrap

In addition to a small class size and a customized learning experience, this program is packed with fun and challenging activities covering all of the academic areas of reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education, and the arts. A wrap-around option is also available for children attending public school.

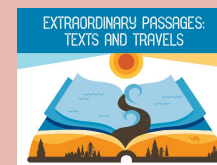
My Jewish Journey (for young families)

Presented by the Nursery School

Explore Jewish holidays and values through art, music, cooking, storytelling, games, and activities. This very special parent-child Jewish learning experience is designed with young families in mind. Offered one Sunday each month.

Global Day of Learning (for all ages)

This community-wide day of study is part of the world-wide program designed by Adin



Steinsaltz. Rabbi Eric Rosin, Hazzan Sheldon Levin, and other area clergy will be teaching this year's theme: *Extraordinary Passages: Texts and Travels*.

Chaplaincy and the Military

Gilbert & Claudie Hayat Speaker Series

Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Rabbi Melinda Zalma, who previously served as the rabbi and spiritual leader at Congregation Beth Mordecai in Perth Amboy, NJ, is also a Chaplain (Lieutenant Commander) in the Reserve Component of the U.S. Navy. She received her rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary where she also received her Masters in Midrash (rabbinic commentary). Before turning to her rabbinical studies, she obtained her B.A. in electrical engineering from Northwestern University.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Lunch & Learn Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting	2 Community Shabbat Dinner	3 Multiple Minyanim
4 Walking with Mitzvot	5 Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap	6	7	8 Lunch & Learn Israeli Dancing	9 Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?	10 Rayna Israel Bat Mitzvah
11 Global Day of Learning Hanoar Veterans Day	12 Sisterhood Member Appreciation Kadima / USY Torah on Tap	13	14 55 Plus Club	15 Israeli Dancing	16 Speaker: Chaplaincy and the Military	17 Benjamin Alter Bar Mitzvah Family Shabbat Shabbat Kef
18 Walking with Mitzvot My Jewish Journey Hanoar	19 Kadima Torah on Tap	20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	21	22 Neve Schools Closed Thanksgiving	23 Neve Schools Closed	24 Homecoming Shabbat
25 Metuchen Winter Festival Parade Neve Schools Closed	26 USY Torah on Tap	27	28	29 Israeli Dancing	30	1



From Our Nursery School Director Martha Mack

Neve Shalom Nursery School is bustling with activity as we embark upon another school year. We live and learn the Jewish calendar by exploring and celebrating all of the Jewish holidays as well as Shabbat and Havdalah on a weekly basis. We impart Jewish values and mitzvot by modeling good behavior and encouraging respectful, thoughtful interactions in the classroom. As our littlest ones grow, they absorb not only the information but, more importantly, the ruach or feeling of what it is to be Jewish and to live Jewishly. At Neve Shalom Nursery School, your child's Jewish education begins here. Wishing everyone a sweet and happy new year.

L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu!

Nursery Chanukah Party *(for young families)*

Presented by the Nursery School

Chanukah Party! We will enjoy fun and age-appropriate music and movement with musical entertainment, sing our favorite Chanukah songs, spin our dreidels, enjoy our Chanukah gelt (chocolate coins), and eat our lunches along with yummy latkes (potato pancakes), applesauce, fruit, and sufganiyot (donuts)! This invitation is open to all Neve Shalom Nursery School and Kindergarten students and their families.

Multiple Minyanim *(for all ages)*

Share your creativity with us! There are as many ways to make Shabbat meaningful as there are people in our community. Everyone who has attended Torah Study with Steve Gross, Yoga with Wendy Kushner, the Minyan Shalem, or the alternative minyan with Rabbi Rosin and Hazzan Levin has been energized and enthused. This year we will offer additional options as well as the ones listed above. If you have any questions, contact Miriam Kafker or Wendy Kushner. Select Saturday mornings

Family Fun Day *(for all ages)*

Presented by Men's Club

Nothing else to do on Christmas Day? Come to Neve Shalom and enjoy a great family event with breakfast and activities for kids of all ages.

Women and the Garment Industry **Gilbert & Claudie Hayat Speaker Series**

Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Ethel Brooks is an Associate Professor in Women's/Gender Studies and Sociology at Rutgers University. She has conducted research around the world including in London, Istanbul, Fall River, San Salvador, Dhaka, and New York City. Brooks is the author of *Unraveling the Garment Industry: Transnational Organizing and Women's Work*, which received the award for Outstanding Book for 2010 from the Society for the Study of Social Problems. She is the co-editor of the special issue of WSQ on "Activisms." Since 1972, WSQ is an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of emerging perspectives on women, gender, and sexuality.



December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar Erev Hanukkah	3 Kadima / USY Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap Hanukkah	4 Hanukkah	5 Nursery Hanukkah Party Hanukkah	6 Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting Hanukkah	7 Community Shabbat Dinner Hanukkah	8 Hanukkah
9 Blood Drive Walking with Mitzvot My Jewish Journey Hanukkah	10 Kadima Torah on Tap Hanukkah	11	12 55 Plus Club	13 Israeli Dancing	14 Speaker: Women and the Garment Industry	15 Multiple Minyanim Game Night
16 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar	17 USY Torah on Tap	18	19	20 Israeli Dancing	21	22
23 Neve Schools Closed	24 Neve Schools Closed	25 Family Fun Day Neve Schools Closed	26 Neve Schools Closed	27 Neve Schools Closed	28 Neve Schools Closed	29
30 Neve Schools Closed	31 Neve Schools Closed New Year's Eve	1	2	3	4	5

Visit <http://www.neveshalom.net/calendar> for the most up-to-date events and service times.

Men's Club Man of the Year Breakfast

Presented by Men's Club

Each year, we celebrate a member who has gone above and beyond to help out our chapter with a custom-made artisan breakfast and an award.

Family Tailgate Party (for all ages)

Presented by Men's Club

Come together to enjoy each other's camaraderie in the midst of the NFL playoff season.

See and Sample

Chase away the midwinter blues with a food journey at Neve Shalom. Watch our chef prepare delicious dishes!

Easy Appetizers - Jan 13

Spectacular Salads - Feb 10

Delectable Desserts - Mar 17



Tu B'Shvat (for young families)

Presented by the Nursery School

Come to celebrate the Birthday of the Trees. This event for families with young children celebrates and explores the meaning of Tu B'Shvat. There will be storytelling, planting, creating artwork, cooking, and lots of singing and dancing.

Torah on Tap

(for adults)

Presented by Men's Club

Talk about Torah or Jewish issues of the day, served with pizza, beer, and a good laugh. Most Mondays

Heschel and King

Gilbert & Claudie Hayat Speaker Series

Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer came to Neve Shalom in 1970 and served as our rabbi for 45 years. A fourth generation rabbi, born in Columbus, Ohio, he was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary where he also received a Masters in Hebrew Literature. Rabbi Zelizer writes for USA Today, where he has written over 70 essays on matters of religion and American society, including topics such as religion and the media; his essays on religion and popular culture also appear regularly in the Newark Star Ledger. Rabbi Zelizer taught homiletics at the Jewish Theological Seminary.



Hebrew School

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Students are introduced to the concept of community, Hebrew language skills, and introductory Hebrew words. Additionally, students explore Jewish holidays, Jewish culture, and Torah.

2nd Grade

Students begin phonetic decoding skills, learn many prayers and blessings, explore being Jewish and continue their enrichment of Torah and holidays.

3rd - 6th Grades

Our students learn the Shabbat services, improve their Hebrew vocabulary, gain a deeper understanding of God, Torah, Jewish holidays, trope, mitzvot, and Israel. We make learning fun using classroom games, films, crafts, art projects, an annual color-war, concerts, meals, and trips.

7th Grade

Our 7th graders build on their education with the addition of their Bar or Bat mitzvah lessons and mitzvah activities.

Hebrew High

Students will have the opportunity to do community service and will participate in discussion groups based on their interests. The Rabbi and Maya Shany (our Shin Shinim representative) will facilitate several sessions throughout the year.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Neve Schools Closed New Year's	2	3 Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting	4 Community Shabbat Dinner	5
6 Man of the Year Breakfast	7 Kadima / USY Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap	8	9 55 Plus Club	10 Israeli Dancing	11 Speaker: Heschel and King	12
13 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar See and Sample	14 Kadima Torah on Tap	15	16	17 Israeli Dancing	18 Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? Freshman Shabbaton	19 Multiple Minyanim: Sisterhood Shabbat Freshman Shabbaton
20 Walking with Mitzvot Family Tailgate Tu B'Shvat Celebration	21 Neve Schools Closed Mitzvah Day Tu B'Shvat Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24 Israeli Dancing	25	26 3rd Grade HaSiddur
27 Congregational Meeting Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar	28 USY Kadima Torah on Tap	29	30	31 Israeli Dancing	1	2

Community Shabbat Dinner



We invite you to eat, laugh, sing, pray, and learn with us! Let's come together to share a meal, meet new friends, laugh with old friends, and experience a vibrant service.

Share Shabbat with every facet of our community - with the families of nursery and religious school students, with those who may have not yet joined a synagogue, and with members of this synagogue who have known each other for years and made this community what it is today.

Countless volunteers have worked hard to create evenings that everyone will remember. They chose a caterer with delectable, varied menus for each month. They crafted a service that's accessible to everyone - -young or young--at--heart, regulars, and newcomers.

Register anytime at www.neveshalom.net/oneshabbat

Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 (Nursery School), Dec 7 (Hebrew School), Jan 4 (Sisterhood), Feb 1 (Interfaith Clergy), Mar 1 (Youth), Apr 5 (Mens Club), May 3, Jun 7 (Graduates)

Weave an Heirloom at the Neve Shalom Sisterhood Loom Room

Weave an heirloom for yourself – or as a special gift for your children, grandchildren, spouse or other family and friends. You do not have to know how to weave or even be someone who has done creative handwork in the past. Volunteers from Neve Shalom Sisterhood will guide you through the process. With our help, you can weave!

Make a custom tallit, tallit bag, tefillin bag, challah cover, or matzoh cover for your home, a bride and groom, a Bat/Bar mitzvah, a house gift. A loved one getting married? Weave a chuppah. No weaving experience is needed to produce one of these beautiful, custom heirlooms!



Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?

Start new friendships or celebrate existing ones in the intimate setting of a Shabbat dinner in a fellow congregant's home. We hope that guests will be touched and inspired to become hosts, sparking a chain of dinners that reaches our entire community. If you are able to host a dinner or would like to be matched with a hosting family, contact the synagogue office.

Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas is a nationwide initiative for congregations and Jewish organizations, camps and day schools. It began in September, 2012, as a way to honor a longtime member of Temple Sinai in Dresher, PA. The initiative has two goals; to strengthen the synagogue community and to help families create meaningful memories for themselves and their children.



Gerald L. Zelizer Scholar-in-Residence



Dr. Susannah Heschel

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

Life and Thought of Abraham Joshua Heschel

Friday, Mar. 22 during the evening service

Jewish Views of Islam

Saturday, Mar. 23 during the morning service

Tenacious Nature of Racism

Saturday, Mar. 23 after lunch

Israel, BDS, and Colleges Today
Gilbert & Claudie Hayat Speaker Series
Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Rabbi Esther Reed grew up in East Brunswick, NJ. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College, she received her master's degree in Jewish Women's Studies and Rabbinic Ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary. She is a Conservative Rabbi, living in Highland Park with her husband, Mordy Schwartz and three sons. She is the Senior Associate Director of Rutgers Hillel.



The World Wide Wrap (for all ages)
Presented by Men's Club

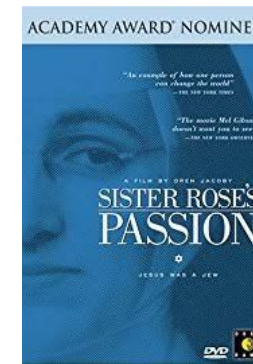
Explore your Judaism by learning about tefillin, followed by an opportunity to wrap yourself in this mitzvah.

Fifty-Five Plus Club (for adults)
Presented by the Fifty-Five Plus Club
Guest speakers, musicians, singers and a wide variety of performers will entertain and light refreshments will be served. Once a month

Holocaust Film Series

We will be viewing and discussing a series of films about the Holocaust period. This year's titles will include:

- "The Book Thief" – a moving story of a girl who transforms the lives of those around her in Germany during WWII. Starring Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson.
- "The Pianist" – 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.
- "Sister Rose's Passion" – a documentary about a NJ nun who brings knowledge of the Holocaust to schools, the nation, and even the Vatican
- "Son of Saul" – an 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.



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Community Shabbat Dinner	2
3 World Wide Wrap	4 Kadima Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap	5	6	7 Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting Film - "The Book Thief"	8	9 Multiple Minyanim
10 Hanoar See and Sample	11 USY Torah on Tap	12	13	14 Israeli Dancing Film - "The Pianist"	15 Speaker: Israel, BDS, and Colleges Today	16 Shabbat Kef
17 Neve Schools Closed	18 Neve Schools Closed President's Day	19	20 55 Plus Club	21 Israeli Dancing Film - "Sister Rose's Passion"	22 Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?	23 Multiple Minyanim Game Night
24 Hanoar My Jewish Journey	25 Kadima / USY Torah on Tap	26	27	28 Israeli Dancing Film - "Son of Saul"	1	2

Purim Festivities *(for all ages)*

Join us as we celebrate Purim together as a community! Come in costume and enjoy a light supper before we gather to recite the Book of Esther. We will jeer Haman, who tried to kill the Jews of Persia, and cheer Esther and Mordechai, who saved us with their bravery and resourcefulness. There will be entertainment and a costume parade! Always great fun!

Nursery School Family Dinner Dance *(for all ages)*

Presented by the Nursery School

Dress to impress at this fun family event! There will be a kid-friendly dinner and a professional DJ who will provide fun, interactive, and family entertainment for all! This invitation is open to all Neve Shalom Nursery School and Kindergarten students and their families.

The Donald and Ruth Kahn One Community Book Program

Attention all book lovers - the Book and Author Event will be returning! We invite you to hear from a panel of authors about their Jewish books, meet these authors, purchase books, and get their signatures. This year's theme will highlight books on Jewish immigration to America.

Musical Theater Program *(for ages 9-17)*

The Neve Youth Theatre Troupe will once again be working with Tova Halpern of Fresh Theatre Arts to provide musical, acting and dancing experiences for youth ages 9 - 17. Tova has been a professional Director and theatre arts educator for the past 12 years. Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings in the winter, with a show date to be announced.



Israeli Dancing *(for adults)*

Join Miriam Handler and rest of our Neve Dancers every Thursday evening for Israeli Dancing. Beginners are welcome at 6:30 with more advanced dancing from 7:30 to 10:30. All skill levels are welcome as the first hour is for learning and review.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood engages women of all ages to share their lives, careers, and values. Together we build and support programs to benefit the synagogue, the community, and the Jewish world at large. We look forward to you joining us!

The Sisterhood of Neve Shalom became affiliated with the Women's League in 1952. Our ultimate goal for our membership is the ascending achievement in personal Jewish development. It is the express hope that our leadership will provide the paradigm for others to emulate, with the realization of the vital importance of women's role in the home, synagogue and its religious school.

Judaica Shop

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop carries a complete selection of gift items and ceremonial objects for Shabbat as well as for the High Holidays, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, Purim, and Passover.



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Community Shabbat Dinner	2
3 Walking with Mitzvot Nursery Family Dance	4 Kadima Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap	5	6	7 Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting	8	9
10 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar Nursery Parent's Night Out Daylight Savings Time	11 USY Torah on Tap	12	13 55 Plus Club	14 Israeli Dancing	15 Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?	16 Multiple Minyanim: Family Shabbat Shabbat Kef Comedy Night
17 Walking with Mitzvot See and Sample My Jewish Journey	18 Kadima Torah on Tap	19	20 Purim Festivities Erev Purim	21 Purim	22 Dr. Susannah Heschel Scholar-in-Residence	23 Dr. Susannah Heschel Scholar-in-Residence
24 Purim Carnival	25 USY Torah on Tap	26	27	28 Israeli Dancing	29 Hadassah Shabbat	30
31 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar The Donald and Ruth Kahn Book Program	1	2	3	4	5	6

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From Our Hazzan Sheldon Levin

2018-2021 Robert Moss
Adult Education Director

At Neve Shalom, education never stops. From preschool through seniors, there is something for everyone at every level. Come to regular weekly classes or attend a single guest speaker. This year, we are planning to coordinate with Temple Emanu-El; their members can attend our classes and vice versa for no additional fee.

We are thrilled with our outstanding Shabbat evening speakers sponsored by Gilbert and Claudie Hayat and very much looking forward to this year's Scholar in Residence, Dr. Susannah Heschel. We hope you can attend our many programs, classes and special events.

As we continue to strive for excellence, Neve Shalom is proud to be the winner of the Silver Solomon Schechter Award for Adult Education and the Gold Award for Excellence in Performing Arts. Our Hebrew School has received the coveted Framework For Excellence and our Nursery School is NAEYC-Accredited.

Pasta Dinner *(for all ages)*

Presented by Men's Club

We will have some well-deserved pasta to mark the end of Pesach. We hope to have everyone, including many Hebrew School families, join us for dinner this year.



Honoree Tribute Event *(for adults)*

This year's commemorative ad journal committee has chosen to honor Barbara and Eliot Spack! Join us in celebrating these two individuals who have dedicated themselves to our community for countless years. We also invite you to pay tribute by placing an ad or message in our commemorative journal.



Tikkun Olam

Give blood, donate food, visit the sick and comfort others. Tikkun olam is a Jewish concept defined by acts of kindness performed to improve the world.

Contact tikkunolam@neveshalom.net to volunteer or to let us know about members of our community that are ailing or in need of help. With a small time commitment, you can help to improve a life!

Food Rescue Committee

The Food Rescue committee makes sure that food left over from synagogue events does not go to waste by bringing it to a family shelter in Edison. If you would like to volunteer to transport food, or you have left over food to be transported, please contact foodrescue@neveshalom.net.

Bikur Cholim

Bikur Cholim is the mitzvah of "visiting the sick." Since its formation in November 1988, Neve Shalom Bikur Cholim volunteers have visited patients at JFK Medical Center in Edison, providing some relief from the eternally long hospital days and also offering relief to visiting family members. Contact our office to learn more about this truly fulfilling volunteer opportunity.



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Kadima Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap	2	3 Gesher Immigrant Stories	4 Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting	5 Community Shabbat Dinner	6 Men's Club Shabbat
7 Walking with Mitzvot Hanoar Honoree Tribute Event	8 USY Torah on Tap	9	10 55 Plus Club	11 Israeli Dancing	12	13 Multiple Minyanim: Learner's Service Family Shabbat
14 Walking with Mitzvot Hebrew School: Pesach Palooza My Jewish Journey	15 Kadima Torah on Tap	16	17	18 Israeli Dancing	19 Neve Schools Closed Fast of the First Born Erev Passover - 1st Seder	20 Passover - 2nd Seder
21 Neve Schools Closed Passover	22 Neve Schools Closed Passover	23 Neve Schools Closed Passover	24 Neve Schools Closed Passover	25 Neve Schools Closed Passover	26 Neve Schools Closed Passover	27 Passover Yizkor
28 Hanoar Pasta Dinner	29 USY Torah on Tap	30	1	2	3	4

Trike-a-thon (for families)

Presented by the Nursery School

Trike-a-thon at Neve Shalom for young families, friends, and neighbors! Bring your bike, trike, or riding car, and ride laps on our driving course. There will also be a petting zoo, carnival games, face painting, arts and crafts, and lots of fun activities.

Israel and Shirley Segal Memorial Lecture (for all ages)

We look forward to an outstanding speaker and lunch sponsored by the Segal Family in memory of Israel and Shirley Segal.

The Shin Shinim Program

Through the Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ, we are very excited to welcome Maya Shany, a young Israeli who is participating in a gap year program. Maya will be living, learning, and teaching with us. She will lend her unique perspective to our Nursery School, Hebrew School, and Hebrew High programs.

Maya's rigorous interview process and her work as a scout leader and an Israeli citizen will add a new dimension to our youth programs. Maya will also participate in many other ways; Adult Education and the Community Dinners to name a few. She is very excited about being a member of our community!

Harvest of Hops (for adults)

Presented by Men's Club

Celebrate Shavuot, the season of the wheat harvest, with a team competition. Teams will brew their own beer, followed by a meal and friendly taste-off to rate everyone's favorites.

Mamaleh Knows Best

Gilbert & Claudie Hayat Speaker Series

Presented by the Adult Ed Committee

Marjorie Ingall is a columnist for Tablet Magazine, the National Magazine Award winning journal of Jewish culture and ideas, and a regular contributor to The New York Times Book Review. For seven years she wrote the "East Village Mamele" column for The Jewish Daily Forward. She has been a contributing editor or writer at Glamour, Self, Ms., Wired, Real Simple, Redbook, Parents, Parenting, and the late, lamented Sassy.. She is the author of *The Field Guide to North American Males*, co-author of *Hungry* with the model Crystal Renn, and co-author of *Smart Sex* with Jessica Vitkus.



Youth Groups



USY (for grades 9-12)

United Synagogue Youth is an international organization for Jewish teens to hang out together and make lifelong friendships while learning about and experiencing Judaism. USY meets two Mondays each month.

Kadima (for grades 6-8)

Kadima is a synagogue-based, regional program for Jewish youth. Some of the programs that Kadima has conducted in the past include scavenger hunts, game nights, arts, chocolate seders, Jewish Jeopardy, and Make Israel in Ice Cream. Kadima meets two Mondays each month.

Hanoar (for grades 4-5)

Hanoar, a local program, schedules a wide-variety of events from juggling workshops to talent shows to parent/kid game shows to sports and art activities. Off-site events have included roller skating, swimming, and visits to a sports complex. Hanoar meets two Sundays each month.



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Yom HaShoah Event	2 Israeli Dancing Yom HaShoah	3 Community Shabbat Dinner	4
5 Hanoar Israel and Shirley Segal Memorial Lecture Trike-a-thon	6 Kadima / USY Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap	7	8 Yom Hazikaron	9 Israeli Dancing Men's Club Meeting Yom HaA'tzmaut	10	11 Multiple Minyanim
12 My Jewish Journey Mother's Day	13 USY Torah on Tap	14	15	16 Israeli Dancing	17 Speaker: Mamaleh Knows Best	18 Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?
19 Congregational Meeting Hanoar Last Day of Hebrew School	20 Kadima Torah on Tap	21	22 55 Plus Group	23 Israeli Dancing Lag B'Omer	24	25
26 Harvest of Hops	27 Neve Schools Closed Memorial Day	28	29	30 Israeli Dancing	31	1

Men's Club

The Men's Club is committed to creating programs appealing to a wide array of interests, while promoting friendship, community service, and study. We invite all congregants to join us for exciting activities, learning and mitzvot.

Men's Club is affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and meets on the first Thursday of each month.

The Neve Shalom Men's Club is a recipient of the FJMC Quality Club Award, which is awarded annually to clubs which have demonstrated broad participation in FJMC and regional events and conducted a varied schedule of local programming.

Lon Dobbs – President

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Steven Schneider – Past President

Susy Schwartz Memorial Concert

(for all ages)

The Susy Schwartz Concert brings contemporary Jewish music to our community while raising funds for our "Passport to Israel" program and has featured such luminaries as Debbie Friedman, Craig Taubman, Neshama Carlebach and Josh Nelson, and Safam. The concert is held each spring to commemorate the life and passions of an active congregant who passed away in 1990 and loved Israel, children, and Jewish music. Join us June 2 for this year's spectacular performance!

Passport to Israel

This program awards each Neve Shalom Bar and Bat Mitzvah child with a voucher for a stipend towards a trip to Israel that contains an educational component, taken between ninth grade and the end of college. More than 140 of our students have redeemed their Passports! Returning students' essays are regularly featured in the monthly Neve Shalom Bulletin and a student is selected each year to speak about his/her stipend-supported Israel experience at the concert.

Shavuot Night of Study (for adults)

Spend the night with us! Our Shavuot Night of Study will include discussions led by congregants and clergy.

Friday Night Alive (for all ages)

Join us for these musical Shabbat evening services! Weather permitting, we will celebrate Shabbat outside with joyous clapping, singing, and instruments. Specific Friday evenings during June, July, and August.

Torah Readers and Volunteer Day

(for all ages)

Neve Shalom gratefully honors our Torah readers, service leaders, and many other volunteers along with the presentation of the annual Millie Fishbein Volunteer Award. Lunch will be served.



June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 NYC Israel Parade Susy Schwartz Memorial Concert	3 Kadima / USY Sisterhood Meeting Torah on Tap	4	5	6 Men's Club Meeting Nursery School Graduation	7 Nursery School Last Day Community Shabbat Dinner	8 Erev Shavuot
9 Shavuot	10 Shavuot Yizkor	11	12	13 Israeli Dancing	14 Board Installation Friday Night Alive	15 Eleanor Brinen Bat Mitzvah
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 55 Plus Club	20 Israeli Dancing	21	22 Torah Readers & Volunteer Day
23	24	25	26	27 Israeli Dancing	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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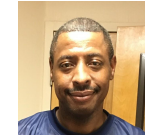
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The Segal Family, in memory of Israel and Shirley Segal, sponsors an annual guest lecture.

For additional endowment opportunities, please speak with Rabbi Rosin or Hazzan Levin.

Join a Committee or Group!

Get involved in the rich life of our synagogue and enjoy the satisfaction of working with others to make a difference.

- Adult Education Committee
- Bikur Cholim
- Choir
- Fifty-Five Plus Club
- Finance Committee
- Food Rescue Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- House Committee
- Israel Awareness Committee
- Library Committee
- Membership Committee
- Men's Club
- Ritual Committee
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