



Enter into Your gates with thanksgiving, and into
Your courts with praise; give thanks unto You,
and bless Your name.

Psalm 100

Congregation Neveh Shalom

affiliated with the Conservative Movement, is a synagogue dedicated to providing a home for traditional Jewish observance and study. Formed in 1961 by the merger of two proud congregations, Ahavai Shalom (est. 1869) and Neveh Zedek (est. 1895), the membership respects its history and traditions while encouraging new concepts and innovations. This balance has been maintained under the guidance of Rabbi Daniel Isaak who has been Senior Rabbi of the Congregation since 1993, Assistant Rabbi Bradley Greenstein, new to us in 2006 and Cantor Linda Shivers who joined the congregation in 1986. Rabbi Emeritus Joshua Stampfer became Ahavai Shalom's spiritual leader in 1953 and steered the congregation through the merger and beyond. He remains in the congregation as a mentor and educator.

•A beautiful Sanctuary is used for High Holy Days, Shabbat Services, weddings, Bnai Mitzvaht and festivals.

•The Zidell Chapel has a seating capacity of 90 for daily minyan, smaller services and gatherings.

•Classrooms house a complete Religious School, High School, Hebrew School and a large pre-school.

•A youth lounge is available for our youth groups and small informal meetings.

Our congregation maintains two cemeteries. Member families are entitled to free burial plots. Mausoleums are available at both locations, as are chapel facilities for memorial services and grounds which are carefully maintained by permanent staff. The cemeteries are available for burial of persons of the Jewish faith only.

Neveh Shalom is proud to offer a wide variety of facilities to meet the needs of its members and the community. Included among them are the following:

The Feldstein Library encompasses a wide selection of Jewish books, cassettes, periodicals, video tapes, and extensive reference materials.

The librarian, Hilde Jacob, is there at posted hours to assist you. Lending cards are available to members at no cost and to non-members for an annual fee.

A large and well-equipped kosher kitchen is available for social events held in the synagogue. Receptions can be scheduled for one of several rooms, depending on the number of people expected. The Nepom Vestry, off of the Zidell Chapel, and the Atrium are ideal for small Kiddushim and receptions. The Sanctuary Vestry and Birnbach Hall are suitable for larger events such as Ongei Shabbat, luncheons, dinners and dances.

Affiliate Organizations

Women's League

The Women's League for Conservative Judaism is an active, devoted organization of women who support many of the activities of the Congregation. In addition to their regular meetings, they sponsor a number of special events during the year, and conduct fund raising activities to provide for many congregational needs. As members of Women's League, they also support the Jewish Theological Seminary.

A well-stocked Judaica Shop with one of the largest selections of Israeli and Jewish gifts and articles available in the Portland area is maintained at the synagogue by members of Women's League. It is open Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings when Religious School is in session, and from 10:00am – 12:00 pm daily.

Men's Club

The Neveh Shalom Men's Club meets monthly on Sunday mornings for a bagel brunch. Guest speakers discuss topics of current interest. The Men's Club is an active participant in the congregation, raising the Sukkah each year and fund raising for synagogue youth groups and the annual Men's Club Shabbat. As members of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs they also participate in the Yellow Candle Program for Yom Hashoah.



Chevra Kavod Hamet

A Society to give Honor to the Dead established by concerned congregants to serve the living in time of great stress, the Chevra encourages a return to a simple Jewish funeral and eternal traditions. Volunteers are available for counseling, for assistance in funeral arrangements, for washing and purification of the body, to provide a meal of condolence and for numerous other services as needed.

Vaad Shel Chesed

This group of volunteers is prepared to offer service to people in times of crises. Meals, transportation and child care can be temporarily available on short notice. Team captains will contact volunteers in geographical areas for emergency assistance.

Havurot

The Havurot are self-directed groups of congregants who meet together for social and Jewish celebratory activities. Each group has a different focus and additional groups will be developed to meet interests and needs.

Hazak - The Senior Lunch Bunch

Our 60+ Neveh Shalom Group meets regularly for luncheons and programs of interest to seniors.

Chai Plus A Few

This is a group of singles 55 and over who gather regularly for day trips, dinners, and other activities for both fun and education.

Hinenu

Hinenu is for young couples and singles that are post-college but not yet parents. Hinenu means, "here we are" - the future of Neveh Shalom and the Portland Jewish community. Hinenu meets regularly for Shabbat dinners, to celebrate holidays, learn together, share life-cycle events and for other fun and social activities such as weekend camping retreats, ball games, and potluck dinners.

Tikkun Olam (Social Action)

Tikkun Olam means, “repairing the world.” Neveh Shalom social action has a number of sub-committees to help us address a variety of needs including: hunger, homelessness, clothing and blanket drives, blood drive, immigrants, environmental responsibility and sustainability, and other avenues to make our world a better place.

Outreach

Neveh Shalom has a number of groups for the purpose of outreach to the following demographics: College Outreach, Gay/Lesbian Havurah, Keruv (for intermarried families), and Russian Immigrants.

Camp Solomon Schechter

Our synagogue, in cooperation with other Conservative congregations in the Pacific Northwest, supports Camp Solomon Schechter, located near Olympia, Washington. It provides an outstanding Jewish camping experience in the summer and weekend Shabbaton programs throughout the year. It also offers our youth an opportunity to expand friendships among other Jewish young people in the Pacific Northwest.

United Synagogue Youth, Kadima and Junior Kadima

Neveh Shalom is proud of its history of sponsoring the first Conservative youth program in the Pacific Northwest, the Rishonim Chapter of United Synagogue Youth. This high school youth program provides a wide variety of activities including religious services, cultural meetings, fund raising programs, social gatherings and community service. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders affiliate through Kadima which also pursues an active program, and Junior Kadima enhances Jewish identity and friendships for fourth and fifth graders.

Percy Berenstein Orchestra

Several times throughout the year we have Shabbat Rocks the Rose City, a service featuring The Percy Bernstein Orchestra. The orchestra is made up of adult and high school student musicians who are often joined by a guest musician. Qualified musicians must have at least 3 years experience to be eligible to join. The orchestra was formed three years ago and was named after Percy Bernstein, a clarinetist who was instrumental in getting the orchestra started. To our great sadness and loss, he died suddenly before the first performance.

Neveh Shalom Choir

The Neveh Shalom Adult Choir continues a very long tradition of choral music at our synagogue. The choir meets from 7:30–9:00 pm most Monday evenings from mid-August to May. The choir prepares and performs all kinds of Jewish choral liturgical music, both a-cappella and with instrumental ensembles. The choir accepts new members in October and January. All music performed is transliterated into English.



Education

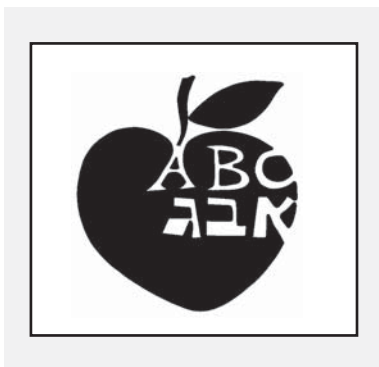
Neveh Shalom offers a wide variety of educational programs covering the spectrum of ages and interest groups. Although some individual programs change from year to year, ongoing classes are always available to all members.

Foundation School

The Neveh Shalom Foundation School is one of the prides of our synagogue. Nationally Accredited by NAEYC, and licensed by the State of Oregon, our early childhood education center serves children from 2 years through 5 years of age. The weekday morning program is designed to be developmentally appropriate, play-based, and enriched with Jewish customs and values. Older Preschoolers have an option of extending on for a Kosher lunch and an afternoon program. Though open to the community, synagogue members receive priority in enrolling in the school.

Bnai Mitzvah Classes

Bar and Bat Mitzvah training is available to member families. Pre-Bnai Mitzvah students are often asked to participate in the conducting of regular Shabbat morning services as well. Post Bnai Mitzvah often read Torah at congregational services, and participate in leading the High Holy Day Shacharit and Yom Kippur Mincha services.



Religious School Programs

The Sunday School is a program for Kindergarten through 6th Grade. It meets on Sunday mornings during the school year from 9:00am to 12 noon. This one day a week program offers the building blocks of a Jewish education: holidays, Bible, and life cycles using storytelling, art, music, cooking and dance to enhance learning. Family Life Education Programs are an important part of the school year.

The **Shabbat School** Grades 3-5 program meets every Shabbat that there is Sunday School from 9:00am to noon. The morning includes Torah study, time for students to learn to chant prayers and a modified Shabbat Service that includes student participation. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate in this program. Registration will be accepted for each semester separately.

The **Hebrew School** serves students in 3rd through 7th Grades. All grades, except for 7th grade, meet on Sunday mornings during the school year from 9:00am to 12 noon and an additional two days during the week, usually Mondays and Wednesdays OR Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:45pm. The schedule for seventh grade students includes one-on-one Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring and Wednesday Night High School. This 5 year program teaches students Hebrew reading skills and comprehension as well as prayer competency that will completely prepare the student for his/her Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

The **High School program** serves students from 7th through 12th Grades. It meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. An optional dinner is served from 5:55 to 6:30pm. Seventh grade students study Bar/Bat Mitzvah related subjects. Students in grades 8, 9, and 10 have input into the curriculum selections, but often include ethics, history, theology and Torah study. Students in 11th grade study Israel in anticipation of receiving a scholarship to visit Israel. Students in 12th grade study Jewish philosophy and work on developing their personal Jewish philosophy. Family Life Education is an important part of this program. In addition 7th and 8th graders participate in a 3 week Art Fair and students in grades 9 through 12 will participate in a Jewish Film Festival.

The **Conversational Hebrew Class**, for grades 9 through 12 meets on Sunday mornings from 10:00am to 12 noon and Wednesday evenings at the same hours as the high school program. First, third, fourth and fifth year classes will be offered this year. Students who take this class are eligible for high school foreign language credit in some area schools.

Kochavim

Kochavim is an after-school Hebrew and Judaics program for children ages 4-7 focusing on conversational Hebrew and Judaics. Children explore Jewish values, biblical stories, and holidays using songs, games, books, multi-media, drama, art and storytelling. Learning and play are in Hebrew and English. Kochavim Core program meets Monday and Wednesday and Kochavim Plus (special focus on arts and drama) meets Thursday. Class times are from 4:15-5:45 pm with free drop-off from 3:00.

Notz'tzim

Notz'tzim is a parent-tot Hebrew music and exploration program for children ages 0-3 and a parent or caregiver. Classes are offered on Mondays or Wednesdays from 4:15 to 5:00, plus use of the large muscle room from 5:00-5:45 pm.

Special Education

Neveh Shalom co-sponsors Portland's only Jewish Sunday morning special education program. With a low student-teacher ratio, children in grades K-6 learn about holidays, Bible stories, and mitzvot. They participate in art, music, cooking and other school-wide activities. Synagogue membership is not required to participate in this program. A similar program is offered to students of grades 7-12 on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with Religious High School.

Ozreinu

Ozreinu is a Jewish support group for parents of children with special needs. Meetings are held the last Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 pm., and family events are held throughout the year. Ozreinu is co-sponsored by Neveh Shalom and TASK.

Continuing Education

Each year the Adult Education program offers a variety of classes in Hebrew and Judaic studies. The programs are extraordinarily worthwhile and congregants are urged to participate. Some of the selections which have been available are:

- *Shabbat Study Sessions*
- *Weekly classes in understanding the Talmud, Mishnah, and the Torah*
- *Classes in a variety of practical skills ranging from leading a Passover Seder, davening Shahaarit, building a sukkah and crocheting kipot.*
- *Special conferences on topics ranging from combating hate crimes to introducing ritual in your home, meditation and Holocaust studies.*
- *Lay led discussion groups on books of Jewish interest or special areas of study.*
- *Adult B'nai Mitzvah preparation and adult trope classes.*



Religious Services

The Rabbis and Cantor lead services at Neveh Shalom throughout the year and offer you and your family the opportunity to participate in a variety of religious worship experiences and Holiday observances.

Shabbat

Neveh Shalom Friday Night Services are held weekly in the sanctuary at 6:15 pm. A late service beginning at 8:15 is offered on the 2nd and 3rd Shabbat of each month followed by an Oneg Shabbat when worshippers can socialize over a cup of coffee and dessert. On Shabbat mornings, services begin at 9:00. During the Torah Service Rabbis Isaak or Greenstein deliver a commentary on the Torah portion for the week. Cantor Shivers encourages participation in the service by congregants and members of families who are celebrating life cycle events. A kiddush follows the service.

Shabbat Services:

Friday Evening Erev Shabbat Services:

1st Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Singing Service, 6:15pm, Zidell Chapel.

2nd Friday

Shabbat Unplugged, 6:15pm, Zidell Chapel. Led by Cantor Linda Shivers, this is a meditative preamble to Shabbat Service.

Erev Shabbat Late Service, 8:15pm, Main Sanctuary, oneg following

3rd Friday

Chik-Chok, 6:15pm, Zidell Chapel

Chik-Chok is a Carlbach-type singing service led entirely in Hebrew by a member of the congregation. Service is followed by dinner at 7:00pm, reservations required.

Contact Mel Berwin at 503.452.6890 or michaelvmel@aol.com.

Erev Shabbat Late Service, 8:15pm, Main Sanctuary, oneg following

4th & 5th Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm, Main Sanctuary

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am, followed by Kiddush

Shabbat child care available during services

Saturday morning. Please call

503.246.8831 to reserve space.



Torah Study

On Shabbat morning from 9:00-9:45am, members may meet in the Library for a time of Torah study, focusing on the parasha of the week. This study is led by either Rabbi Daniel Isaak or Rabbi Bradley Greenstein, and is open to all.

Downstairs Minyan

Downstairs Minyan is a lay-led Shabbat service, beginning at 9:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Held in Zidell Chapel, the service is followed by a light Kiddush and lively singing of z'mirot.

Rose Schnitzer Manor

On the 3rd Shabbat of each month Neveh Shalom volunteers from Downstairs Minyan lead Shabbat services for seniors at the Robison Home Chapel, escorting residents to the Chapel and conducting services at 10am.

Tot Shabbat

for families with children up to 5 years old; meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10:15 to 11:00 am. This age-appropriate, family-friendly service includes prayers, music, songs, and story time followed by a Kiddush lunch.

Shabbat Kids

for families with children 5-7 years old, meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10:15 to 11:00 am. Shabbat Kids continues to introduce the Saturday morning service to children and their parents. This 45 minute service includes interactive, traditional prayers, songs and stories, followed by a Kiddush lunch shared with Tot Shabbat families.

Holidays

All holidays and festivals are celebrated in the Synagogue. Full schedules of services and/or festivals are printed in advance and participation is encouraged. Tickets are required for seating during the High Holy Days due to limitations of space; these tickets are included with membership, or may be purchased in advance by non-members. Parallel Services, in the Birnbach Hall, are conducted on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and on Yom Kippur. There is an alternative Family Service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Neveh Shalom sponsors a number of family celebrations around the major holidays, including Hanukkah, Purim, Passover (2nd Night Seder), and Shavuot. We also honor those who have served in the military with either a Veterans Day or Memorial Day commemoration.

Daily Minyan

There is a morning minyan daily at Neveh Shalom. This minyan is maintained by devoted congregants who are concerned that this service be available to those who seek it. Weekday services begin at 7:15am and Sundays & Holidays at 9:00am.

