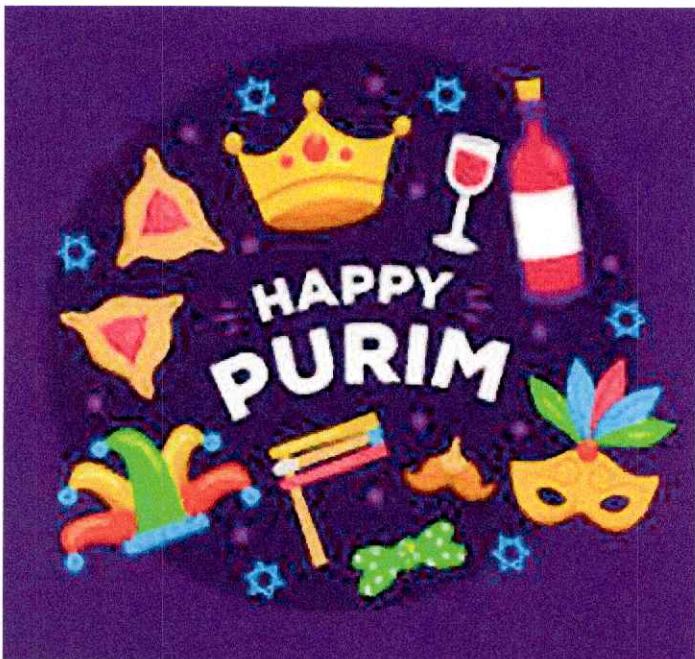


February

MAYIM SHALOM

2026 / 5786



Purim Party

Saturday, February 28

Noon to 3

North Bend Library
Free Admission
Child Friendly

******Story telling**

******Dancing**

******Schmoozing**

******Food**

(including
Hamentashen)

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this note finds you and yours well.

As you may know, our Jewish community is composed of a handful of families and individuals, some with longstanding local roots and others newer to the area.

We are a diverse group but share cherished traditions. My hope is that we help foster a sense of connection and continuity among members.

We are finalizing the details of our schedule for the rest of the year. Here is what we have so far:

At the start will be our lay-led Purim party on February 28 from noon to 3 pm at the North Bend Library. Although the venue has changed - the food, fun, and schmoozing remain the same!

We're also scheduling Passover, Shavuot, and Rosh Hashanah with the leadership of Rabbi Jackie.

We will be having our picnic later in the summer and we're working on a couple of lay-led Shabbats.

All of these events require preparation, organization, and effort. If you are able and wish to help out, please don't hesitate to touch base with any board member.

Lastly, we always need your support - both as a dues-paying member and as an attendee. Pledge forms are available online (www.mayimshalom.us) and at all of our gatherings.

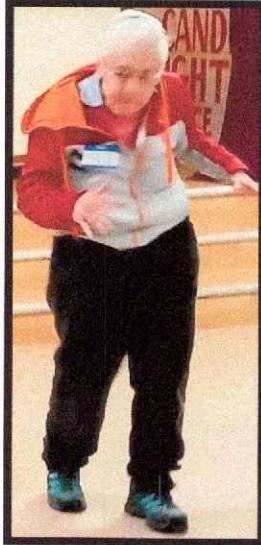
Optimistically yours,
Grant Cousens

Chanukah Party



Our annual Chanukah party was a lot of fun for people of all ages. Thanks to the following for putting so much energy into the program:

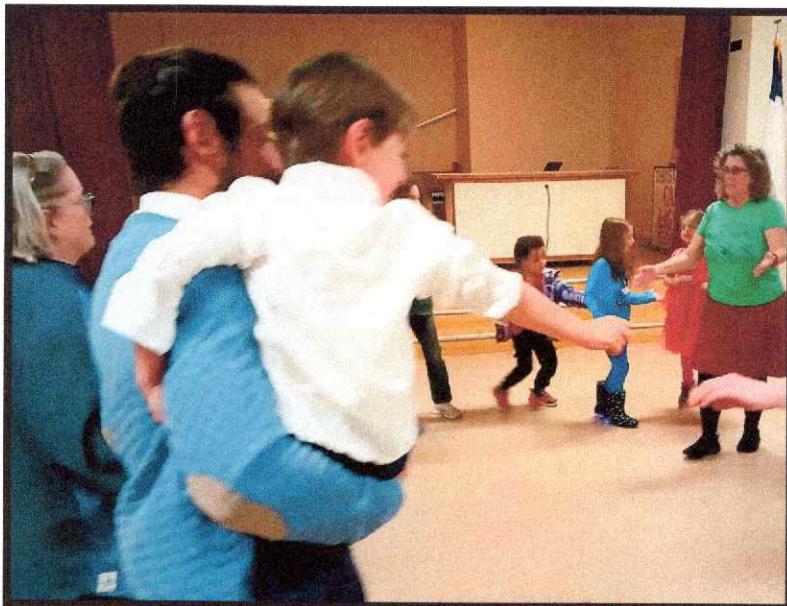
Emily Simon - service leader
Stacy Rose - dancing
Gail Elber - music
Dahlia Grossman - music
Naimh Charles - kid's games
Geri Sher - catering
And many others who set up the room and helped with cleaning at the end of the party.



Don't miss our Purim party!

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Noon to 3
North Bend Library
Child friendly
Free admission

(Lunch & Hamentashen)
Dancing
Story telling
Shmoozing

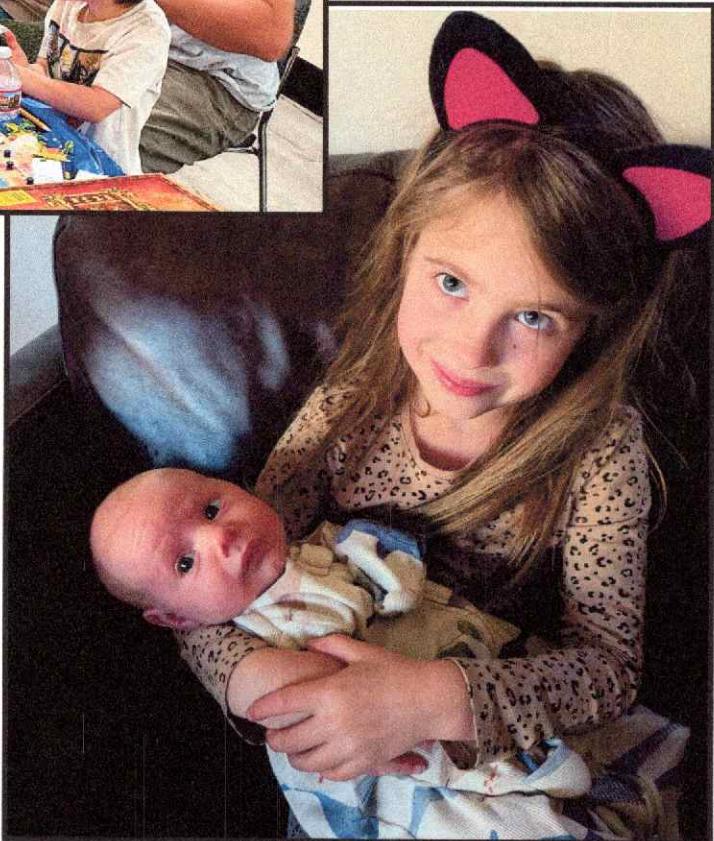


Photos: Dahlia Grossman



Above: Jewish children learn about their heritage at our Sunday school. Photo: Rae Lea Cousens.

Below: Congratulations to Brandon Saada and Alyssa Ames on the birth of their son Orin Dov Aaron Saada on December 26, 2026. He is held by his big sister, Maisey.



Board Members Elected

Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors of Mayim Shalom:

Grant Cousens, president
Jim DeNatale, vice president
Rae Lea Cousens, treasurer
Dahlia Grossman, secretary
Diana Harvey, member
Linda and Gil Binder, members
Bruce Levy, member
Kathy DeNatale, member
Martin Sher, member



Coming Events

Purim: February 28 12 to 3 North Bend Library.

Passover: April 4 Black Market

Shavuot: May 23 Harmony Methodist Church

Picnic: August 9 Sunset Beach

Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 12 Harmony Methodist Church

Watch our newsletter or our website for details.

Shalom of Safed

Shalom Moskovitz was born in Safed, c 1887. He was Hasidic and influenced by mystical tradition of the Cabbala that, like Moskovitz, had its home in Safed.

He earned a living as a watchmaker and was commonly referred to by that name - "Zeigermacher" in Yiddish.

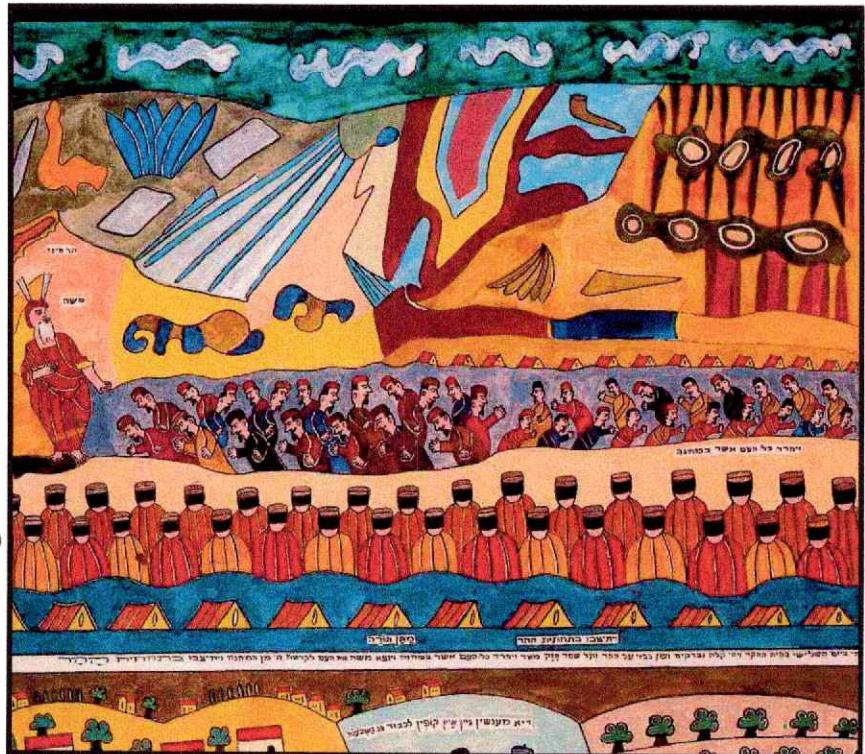
During the 1948 war his workshop was destroyed. This forced him to try earning a living making toys from plywood.

In the 1950s, painter Yosl Bergner was impressed with the craftsmanship of Shalom's wood toys and encouraged him to try painting.

Moskovitz continued to live and paint in the city of Safed until his death in 1980.

He was a naïve artist. He painted in the primitive style, expressing biblical themes. He also designed stained-glass windows and was an accomplished practitioner of microcalligraphy.

In 1980, Elie Wiesel wrote a book with



Moskovitz's art titled "Images from the Bible: the paintings of Shalom of Safed, the words of Elie Wiesel.
(From Wikipedia)

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