



Yom Hashoah Memorial Service

Wednesday, April 15, 6:15 PM

With guest speaker, candle lighting and special music

Candle lighters for the six million murdered Jews, other Holocaust victims (LGBTQ, Disabled, Roma/Gypsy, political prisoners, and righteous Gentiles), and other genocides (Armenia, Native America, Cambodia, Rwanda and Darfur) will highlight the annual Yom Hashoah observance, to be held in the Sanctuary on this year's actual Day of Remembrance, April 15. Holocaust survivors and children of survivors will be among the candle lighters.

Special guest speaker will be Janice Kamenir-Reznik, president and co-founder of Jewish World Watch (JWW). A key project of JWW is the annual Walk to End Genocide, which will be held at Shomrei Torah on Sunday, April 26. Janice retired from the active practice of law to establish JWW to be the Jewish response to genocide and mass atrocities. She served as a leader of many Jewish, feminist and legal organizations in addition



to serving as LA County Commissioner.

A special music/poetry tribute will feature Shomrei Torah members Caleb Kornfein, 15, and his sister, Adriana, who will have her Bat Mitzvah next year. Caleb will play Mendelssohn's Opus 62 from *Songs Without Words* on the piano and Adriana will read poems from the Terezin Concentration Camp. She will also sing Zog nit Keynmol (The Partisan's Song). Cantor David will lead the Shomrei Torah Choir in more music in remembrance of the Holocaust.

The Yom Hashoah memorial service is a project of Shomrei Torah's Social Action Committee. Refreshments will be served. The commemoration is free and open to the public.

Sonoma County Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Sunday, April 19, 2–4 PM

The 2015 annual Sonoma County Yom Hashoah ve-Hagevurah Commemoration will be held on Sunday, April 19, at the Friedman Center. This year's theme is taken from the Hebrew word gevurah in the title, translated as "heroes." We will expand the meaning to include all the countless kinds of heroism, both active and inner. For more information, contact the Jewish Community Center Sonoma County.

Two Passover Seders

Saturday, April 4, 6:00 PM

Sunday, April 5, 6:00 PM

Two seders to choose from, each with a delicious traditional Pesach meal, as we celebrate the Festival of Freedom. Our annual members-only Congregational Seder is on the second night of Passover, Saturday, April 4. The Community Seder, open to all, is

on the third night, Sunday, April 5. Passover at Shomrei Torah is more than the retelling of the ancient story of the Exodus; it honors our ongoing struggle for freedom, justice and equality everywhere. A place at the table is waiting for you. \$30 per adult; \$18 for children 12 and under. Reservations required — call 707-578-5519 or reserve online at www.cstsr.org.



Rabbi's Tisch to Feature Ben Benson

Friday, April 10, 6:15 PM

Shomrei Torah's own Ben Benson will be our speaker at the April 10th Rabbi's Tisch. The title of his talk will be "Wearing Jewish 'Genes,'" and he will enlighten us on some of the latest findings in genetic research bearing on the question of the genetic meaning of being Jewish. Many of us have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Benson speak on various topics and know he is always both witty and enlightening. As usual, dinner will be served; the suggested donation is \$18. Be sure to reserve your place for the Tisch by calling the office at 578-5519.

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Try a Taste of Mussar

Sunday, April 12, 3–5 PM

Congregation Shomrei Torah

Free Admission.

Reservations requested.

You may have heard talk about a Jewish practice called Mussar that a few people at CST are “doing.” So what is it, and what does it mean to “do” it?

In short, Mussar is an ancient Jewish practice that offers an approach to daily life in a way that connects us to our Jewish values. The modern translation is ethics. Alan Morinis, the Dean of the Mussar Institute, tells us that “at our core we are each holy, but we must remove the obstacles that prevent us from living as holy beings.” The goal is to reach our highest spiritual potential by being the best of who we can be.

How do we do this? The first step is to recognize and examine our basic character traits (middot) to determine where we are out of balance in the way we conduct ourselves in our daily lives. Are we patient with others or do we find ourselves frequently getting annoyed with those around us? Do we honor others or are we more focused on seeking honor for ourselves? Do we trust that things will work out as they should or do we tend to worry about every little thing?

“Doing” Mussar consists of a body of practices designed to help bring about the balance and transformation we may seek in many areas of our personal lives. The basics include short daily recitations and keeping a diary (cheshbon ha’nefesh). For support with the practice, it is good to be part of a study group (va’ad), and to have a study partner (chevruta).

Many classic texts were written by the rabbis who brought this ancient Jewish practice to their communities from as early as the 10th century, and again in 19th-century Eastern European yeshivas. You might wonder how we, as Reform Jews, can possibly relate to any of that. The fact is, the lessons to be learned and the spiritual growth to be gained from a Mussar practice have universal values that transcend time and historical cultural differences. For this reason Mussar has met a resurgence of interest among Jews from all walks of life in the 20th and 21st Century.

With the help of a handful of rabbis and people like Alan Morinis, who founded the Mussar Institute, the teachings and practice of Mussar have been interpreted and made accessible to modern-day Jews. If you would like to find balance in your life; if you would like to take your daily Jewish spiritual practice beyond prayer and rituals, give Mussar a try. You will have an opportunity to get a small taste by attending this very special event.

To register, please contact Denise at the CST Office at denise@cstsr.org, 707-578-5519.



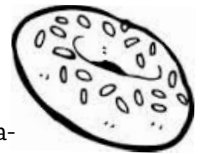
Sharon Schwartz, who will lead an introduction to the Jewish ethical practice known as Mussar.

Men’s Bagel Club Hosts

BDS 101 Expert

Sunday, April 12, 9 AM

From college campuses to academic associations to labor unions, from religious denominations to our local Sonoma County transportation contract negotiations, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel is growing rapidly in both volume and vitriol. What are its aims? What is the impact on students, universities and Israel? How is the community responding? What can we do? Paula Simon, North Bay Regional Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (and CST member) will talk about the campaign in the San Francisco Bay Area to disrupt divestment efforts.



Paula relocated to Sonoma County from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she served as the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations. A Southern California native, she did her undergraduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, and earned a Master’s Degree in Social Work from USC as well as a Master’s in Jewish Communal Service from Hebrew Union College. Paula was thrilled to “un-retire” in order to work with her long-time colleague Doug Kahn and share her professional expertise in the North Bay. She is equally happy to have traded 30 years of snow shoveling for cleaning her swimming pool.

Rosh Chodesh

Saturday, April 18, 7–9 PM

Please join women from the Shomrei Torah community at our monthly Rosh Chodesh (new moon) gatherings in the Kolbo Room. At our gatherings, we engage in study, sharing, discussion, meditation, song and chant, playing and noshing. All women are welcome, whether you are a regular attendee or have never come before!

Seventh Annual Two-Mile Walk (Begins and ends at CST) *Sunday, April 26*

Sponsored by the Social Action
Committee of CST benefiting Jewish
World Watch

Registration begins at 8 AM

Event begins at 9 AM

All Ages Invited!

On Sunday, April 26, please join your Congregation Shomrei Torah family as we put our words into action and walk together in support of helping those suffering from genocidal attacks. Over the past six years, Walk to End Genocide participants nationwide have raised \$1,750,000 for JWW, supporting vital resources for the many people who have endured terrible atrocities. The Walk will continue in Santa Rosa for its seventh year! Co-chairs Noah Bacon and Jake Matalon, in cooperation with CST's Social Action Committee, will lead our community as we support this important cause. Together we can continue to make a difference.

This is a family-friendly event! Come walk with your STaRS friends! (Music and activities will be available for children.)

To register or make a donation, go to www.WalktoEndGenocide.org. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are welcome! Baking cookies, recruiting, registration — these are just a few of the many opportunities to help! Please contact the CST office at 707-578-5519 for more information.

SANTA ROSA

WALK TO END GENOCIDE

a project of **JWW**

**Take a stand. Raise your voice.
Step in the right direction.
WALK to End Genocide!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Congregation Shomrei Torah
2600 Bennett Valley Road


ATTEND IN PERSON Register as a team captain, join an existing team or walk as an individual.

ATTEND VIRTUALLY Register as a **Walker in Spirit** to raise money from wherever you are.

SUPPORT JWW Make an online donation at WalktoEndGenocide.org today.

Sponsorship opportunities available.
Please call 818.501.1836 or email walk@jww.org.
All sponsors receive recognition on the WALK website, on event signage and on print/digital marketing which will be widely circulated to tens of thousands of individuals from across the country.

REGISTER TODAY AT
SantaRosa.WalktoEndGenocide.org
For more info: 818.501.1836



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Sunday April 26
Congregation Shomrei Torah


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LOS ANGELES Sunday April 19

CONEJO VALLEY Sunday April 12

WASHINGTON DC Sunday April 25

EAST MEADOW Sunday, April 26



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JWW is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Los Angeles, Tax ID 20-3406211. The work of JWW is nonsectarian and nonpartisan and focuses on three crucial strategies: Education, Advocacy and Refugee Relief.

Come Hear Israeli Soldiers' Stories *Thursday, April 23, 10:30 AM* *Congregation Shomrei Torah*

Here is a remarkable opportunity to meet and discuss the Israeli-Arab conflict with reserve duty IDF soldiers. This event is free and open to all Jewish community members, SSU and SRJC students. Light refreshments provided. This event is sponsored by StandWithUs, Hillel of Sonoma County and Congregation Shomrei Torah.

Enjoy a Musical Shabbat with Guest Cantor Dan Mutlu *Friday, May 1, 6:15 PM, free*

Cantor Daniel Mutlu serves Congregation Beth Israel, in Houston, Texas—Rabbi Kramer's home synagogue. At Beth Israel his musical innovation draws thousands of congregants for Shabbat services. He is regularly asked to share his talents at synagogues around the country, and we are lucky to welcome him to Shomrei Torah!

The Mama-logues: A Comedy About Motherhood

Saturday, May 9, 7:30 PM (Mother's Day Weekend)

It's not easy being a mom. But it sure can be funny. Mother's Day Eve is the perfect time to have a boatload of laughs, a couple of familiar wincing and groans, and possibly even a tear over the motherhood experience as told through the words of a hilarious showcase of writers — some nationally recognized, some local and obscure — who have captured the glories and challenges of raising children. For anyone who is a mother, has a mother or knows a mother.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.cstsr.org or through the CST office at 707-578-5519. The cost is \$36 for adults and \$18 for youth 18 years and under. Please note: This performance is rated PG-13 and may not be appropriate for younger children

Seeking Leaders—2016 Walk to End Genocide

New leaders are needed for the 2016 Santa Rosa Walk to End Genocide (Walk). Among the leaders' responsibilities are promoting the event, recruiting volunteers for the day, planning and organizing the day's activities and fundraising.

The Seventh Annual Santa Rosa Walk to End Genocide will be held on Sunday, April 26. A project of Jewish World Watch (JWW), the two-mile Walk begins and ends at Congregation Shomrei Torah. JWW has grown from a group of Southern California synagogues into a national coalition that shares a vision of a world without genocide. During a decade of advocacy and activism, JWW has raised more than \$12.5 million dollars for relief and development projects that impact tens of thousands of people in Sudan and Congo.

This year, JWW will sponsor six Walks nationwide: in Santa Rosa; Los Angeles; Conejo Valley; Washington, D.C.; East Meadow, New York and Sioux City, Iowa.

CST member Gabe Ferrick organized the first Santa Rosa Walk to End Genocide as the mitzvah project for his Bar Mitzvah. Working with CST's Social Action Committee and other volunteers, Gabe led five Santa Rosa Walks to End Genocide. Teen leaders Noah Bacon and Jake Matalon took on the teen leadership role for the 2014 and 2015 Walks. Jake Matalon says he learned a lot working with JWW. "They do such important work. We must not forget the faraway suffering in Congo and Sudan."

New leaders can be of any age; they must have a passion for the vision to end genocide as well as the willingness to take on the leadership duties listed above. Ideally, new leaders will be identified soon so that they can experience both the satisfaction and the teamwork involved in behind-the-scenes planning and running this year's walk. For more information on becoming a Walk leader, please contact the CST office at 707-578-5519 for more information.

Let all who are hungry come and eat!

During the Passover holiday, we have a Seder (an ordered meal) where we retell the story of Exodus. Many, many themes in the story are relevant today. We can use the holiday as a springboard to talk about immigration reform, the enslavement of technology, existential threats or even our own personal disabilities. We can talk about coming through narrow passages. This year, I want to focus on hunger.

Every year, the Passover story begins in a broken world, amidst slavery and oppression. The sound of the breaking of the matzah sends us into that fractured existence. Throughout the rest of the Seder, we constantly try to become whole again. It is only when the children at the Seder search for and find the afikoman (the hidden piece of broken matzah eaten as dessert) that we become whole again before ending our Passover meal.

At the beginning of the Seder we read: "This is the bread of affliction our ancestors ate in the Land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and observe Pesach. This year here; next year in the Land of Israel. Now enslaved, next year free."

We are uncertain as to when this formula over matzah entered the Haggadah (the prayer book used during the Seder). The dominant view is that it was not added to the Haggadah until the Geonic



Rabbi Stephanie Kramer

age, since its first appearance elsewhere does not predate that time. Others date it all the way back to the first or second century, describing it as a polemic against Jesus' words at his last supper: "This is my body." Still others believe it is a remnant of the days when a real Passover sacrifice was possible; matzah took the place of the Passover sacrifice. (135 MPH Hoffman)

It was customary during the temple days to invite large groups together to eat a single animal, because the meat needed to be consumed by morning. This led to an atmosphere of sharing. The Talmud explains that Rav Huna, a third-century sage from Babylonia, who had been impoverished in his early life, never forgot what it was like to be poor, and when he became wealthy, "When he had a meal he would open the door wide and declare, 'Let all who are in need come and eat.'" (Ta'an 20b) Many of us focus on feeding the hungry. It is staggering how many people are still hungry every day, yet how much food goes to waste at grocery stores, restaurants, and on farms.

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In *A Night To Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices*, by Zion and Zion, we are reminded of the year 2000 statistics on the distribution of wealth. If we could reduce the population to a village of 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, the demographics would look something like this: 80 live in substandard housing, 24 do not have any electricity, 50 are malnourished, 1 is dying of starvation, 1 has HIV, 1 has a college education, 7 have internet access, and 5 control 32 percent of the entire world's wealth (15).

What can we do about this? At the very least we can partake in audacious hospitality and invite people over to dine together. Typically our "animal" — the meals we prepare — are big enough to host a few others. We can also help by donating to local food pantries. For example, Elisha's Pantry is always looking for donations of food and for people to help distribute. Check out Mazon, GLIDE, Heifer International or simply Google "feeding the hungry."

David of Levov, a Unique Hassidic master, once taught: "If people come to you for assistance and you tell them, 'God will surely help you,' then you are acting disloyally to God, for you should understand that God has sent you to help the needy, not to refer the poor back to God."

**B'shalom,
Rabbi Stephanie Kramer**

How Passover Speaks to Social Justice

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism published the article below and I want to share it, in part, with you. For the full article visit: www.reformjudaism.org/passover-social-justice-guide. The RAC also provides a wide-array of social action-themed haggadot for your Passover celebrations. Check them all out by visiting: www.rac.org/pesach-themed-haggadot. Remember, Shomrei Torah is hosting our congregational seder on Saturday, April 4, and a community seder on Sunday, April 5.

A Passover Social Justice Guide

Passover is rich in social justice themes. It is impossible to study the Jewish story of redemption and not feel compelled to eradicate injustice in the world today. Among the primary social justice themes found in the Exodus story and in the Passover observance are hunger, homelessness, oppression and redemption.

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At Passover, we are reminded of a time when Jews were once restricted to eating only matzah, considered



Rachael Cutcher

the "bread of affliction," due to the hasty retreat from Egypt. This experience with hardship following the exodus from Egypt is an inspiration to consider those who eat the metaphorical "bread of affliction" in present times.

In the Babylonian Talmud, we are taught: "Even the poorest person in Israel may not eat until he reclines, and they must not give him less than four cups of wine." This is a reminder that it is imperative to take care of everyone in the community, even the poorest person. The requirement that even poor Jews be provided with ample wine — and presumably with all of the holiday's ritual foods and practices — leads to the expectation that Jews should help the poor and the hungry not just during Passover but throughout the year.

Passover also serves as a painful reminder that the Jewish people were seen as strangers in the land of Egypt and spent 40 long years of wandering in the wilderness without a home. These elements of the Passover story remind us of current issues of immigration and refugee

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concerns, and the memory of being displaced instills in us a desire to eradicate homelessness in the modern era.

At Passover we read, "This year we are slaves. Next year, may we all be free." Jews are commanded to be directly present in the Passover story, remembering what it was like for the Children of Israel to be slaves in the land of Egypt. This personal experience is a motivation to examine the current international situation and wrestle with cases of injustice, oppression and modern-day slavery. Thus, Passover provides us an opportunity to raise awareness of contemporary examples of slavery and oppression throughout the world, such as human trafficking, the sex trade and even domestic violence, which traps victims within their homes, limiting their freedom as surely as if they were enslaved.

**Chag Pesach Sameach,
Rachael**

Revisiting Recent CST Gatherings

February's Orphans of the Armenian Genocide Event



Left: David Salm, a member of CST's Social Action Committee, shown speaking to the audience gathered in the CST sanctuary. Right: Christyne Davidian, Head of the North Bay Armenians and President of the SSU Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, reading from a plaque presented in appreciation of CST's support of the local Armenian community and in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

Seating Was SRO at February's Concert for Peace

Five choirs and ensembles, including the Shomrei Torah Choir, captivated an overflow audience at the community-wide Concert for Peace on the evening of February 28.



Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

And the waters of the sea will be dried up, and the river will be dry and parched, and its canals will become foul, and the branches of Egypt's Nile will diminish and dry up, reeds and rushes will rot away.

~ Isaiah 19:5-7

"We're facing perhaps the worst drought California has ever seen since records began being kept about 100 years ago."

~ Governor Jerry Brown

As the drought drags into a fourth year, what can we do to conserve water? Here, again, are a few of the many tips we've suggested in the past couple of years:

- Take brief showers and place a bucket in the shower to catch excess for watering the garden.
- Don't keep the water running while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving.
- Run the dishwasher and clothes washer only when they are fully loaded.
- Water your lawn and garden only when needed and only in the early morning and later evening. Better yet, take out your lawn and re-landscape with water-wise plants and drip irrigation.
- Cover pools and spas to reduce evaporation.

For many more tips and drought-related information, check the following:
emergencypreparedness.cce.cornell.edu
<http://goo.gl/rSj24E>
www.ready.gov
www.redcross.org



Celebrate Earth Day with Fun and Learning

The Environmental Action Committee reminds all Shomrei Torah members that April 22 is the official Earth Day this year and that there are a variety of eco-activities that offer fun and education.

Santa Rosa's Earth Day Festival is on April 15: <http://srcity.org/departments/utilities/Pages/SREarthDay.aspx>

An even bigger deal is Earth Day SF in the Mission District on April 18 with music, talks, dance, fashion, and chef demos: www.earthdaysf.org/line-up.html.

Go out and celebrate our precious Earth with friends and family!



Kudos to CST's "Social Action Goes to the Movies" Series!

In record turnouts, audiences applauded the Social Action Committee's three-part series that screened *John Brown's Body*, *Restorative Justice: Changing Hearts & Minds*, and *Meeting with a Killer*. And we were not the only ones who noticed how important and successful this film program was:



In conferring a 2015 Fain Award, Reform Judaism's Commission on Social Action wrote: "On behalf of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, it is our pleasure to inform you that your congregation will receive a 2015 Irving J. Fain Social Action Award Honorable Mention for your outstanding program, 'Social Action Goes to the Movies: Building Community through Film.' We were inspired by your congregation's sense of community responsibility. The work of tikkun olam is our common endeavor, and that work merits respect and appreciation."

SCTribe

Saturday, April 18, 7 PM

Are you (or someone you know) a Jewish 20- or 30-something? Come join the Sonoma County Tribe! We meet once a month to celebrate holidays, eat delicious food and just hang out.



This month we will be celebrating Israel's birthday with an Israeli-themed Havdallah on April 18th at 7 PM. We'll provide great food and even some Israeli snacks! RSVP for the address.

For upcoming events, questions, or to join our mailing list please contact us at sonomacountytribe@gmail.com.

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JCC Friendship Circle Luncheons

Monday, April 20

Join us for an engaging presentation from Legion of Honor docent Kathryn Zupsic, an art educator for nearly 20 years. Her discussion is titled “The Portrait of Marie Antoinette: Art, Fashion and Revolution in 18th Century France.” Contact the Friendship Circle office by April 15 to RSVP: 707-528-1182 or friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org

Simcha Sunday Jewish Cultural Festival

Sunday, April 26, Noon – 4 PM

Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue

Delight yourself or share the taste of traditional Jewish desserts with friends by visiting Friendship Circle’s Kugel and Cookie Corner on Simcha Sunday. Indulge in the rich flavors of our famous kugel, or grab a box of home-baked cookies such as our mouthwatering rugelach or delectable hamantashen.

Food, entertainment, kids’ mini-carnival, fabulous shopping and every community resource at your fingertips! New friends, old friends, and shmoozing – what’s not to love? Admission is free.



Bar Mitzvah

Jonah Gottlieb

April 18, 2015 – 29 Nissan 5775

Please join us in celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of our son, Jonah Gottlieb. A kiddish hosted by Jonah’s grandparents, Alvin and Pearl Gottlieb, will follow the service.

– Dana and David Gottlieb

Tot Shabbat

Dearest Families,

Hope this finds you well.
We look forward to seeing you on Friday, April 24, at 5 PM for our monthly Tot Shabbat gathering! We will focus on Israel’s birthday, Yom Ha’atzmaut. Please bring a veggie potluck dish to share!

Wishing all of you and yours a very happy Pesach;
chag same’ach!

Best Wishes,
Tot Shabbat Lauren



Babies & Bagels

Do you have a baby? Do you like bagels? If you answered yes to the previous questions, then this group is for you!

Join us for a light nosh and some refreshing adult conversation while you watch your child or children interact and play with others in their age group. Come for the bagels, stay for the community! Please contact Nicollette Weinzeveg for more information (nweinzeveg@gmail.com).

Brain Trust Maps Bagel Club's Future

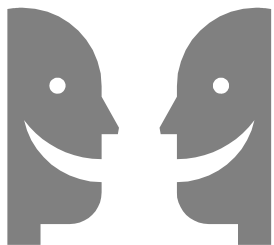
The leadership of the Men's Bagel Club got together in March over appetizers and wine tasting to plan the club's direction. The full turnout bodes well for the club's future: the attendees shared myriad ideas to define the course of the club's programming.

Future plans involve Men Can Cook events, outings to sporting events and excursions into the greater outdoors of Sonoma County. Stay tuned for more details.



Cancer Resource Team At Your Service

If you were recently diagnosed with cancer, there are other members of the congregation who have experienced similar challenges and want to help. Would you like someone to talk with you and/or members of your family? We are here to listen, answer your questions and hold your hand. Contact the CST office to be paired up with a member of the team.



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Join the team of Shomrei Torah Ambassadors, members who welcome guests and new members at Friday night services. It's easy, it feels good and it helps newcomers feel welcome. For more information, contact Sue Lewis: susanlewis@sonic.net

Chaverim Welcomes New and Returning Teens, Offers Special Classes

Believe it or not, next fall we will enter the 22nd year of Chaverim, the Jewish teen educational/social program of the JCC Sonoma County for teenagers of all synagogues, all regions of the county. Chaverim continues to draw 80 to 100 percent of our post-B'nai Mitzvah students—a high percentage for any area in the country.

If you have or know a Jewish teen (8th to 12th grade) who is interested in joining this dynamic group, send her or him to jccsoco.org, teen tab, for more information.

If you are registering, look for easy re-registration instructions on the website as well. It only takes a click!

Sample Class for Adults Please join us for a sample Chaverim class, just for adults, on Tuesday, April 28th, at Beth Ami, 4676 Mayetter Avenue, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We'll provide snacks and refreshments, and you'll experience an actual class conducted by Rick Concoff, Director of Youth and Teen Programming at JCC. Please RSVP to Rick at 823-3916.

Special Evening for 7th-Graders Seventh-graders are invited to experience the group themselves at a fun evening hosted by our veteran Chaverim teens.

For more information: jccsoco.org

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Quarter-page:	\$44	\$528
Half-page:	\$90	\$1,080

For Non-Members

	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Business card:	\$25	\$300
Quarter-page:	\$55	\$660
Half-page:	\$112	\$1,350

Ads and payment must be received in the temple office by the 5th of the month to start in the next month's issue.
For more information, please call the temple office at 707-578-5519.



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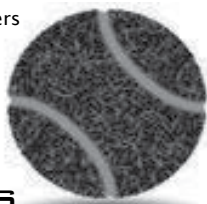
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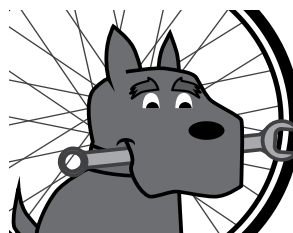
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Saturday, April 4

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8:45 am – *Torah Study led by Rabbi George*
10:30 am – *Shabbat Service*
6:00 PM – *Congregational Seder*

Sunday, April 5

6:30 pm – *Community Seder*

Friday, April 10

10:30 am
Passover Morning Service and Yizkor
6:15 pm
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Saturday, April 11

Weekly Torah portion: Exodus 34:1–8
8:45 am
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10:30 am *Shabbat Service*

Friday, April 17

6:15 pm – *Shabbat Service*

Saturday, April 18

Weekly Torah portion: Shmini, Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47
8:45 am
Torah Study led by Dorothy Schwartzberg
10:30 am
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Gottlieb

Friday, April 24

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Saturday, April 25

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