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Night of Lights *Hanukkah* celebration!

Wednesday, December 9, 6:15 PM

Let's rejoice together! We will supply the *latkes*, donuts and homemade applesauce, so all you to need to bring is your *menorah* (and candles) and favorite dairy/veggie dish to share. Songs will be sung, and of course, *dreidels* will be spun! Also, please consider bring a wrapped toy, with a label stating the age range and gender, to contribute to our annual toy drive for our friends and neighbors in the Roseland district.

Men's Bagel Club hosts leader of "Living Wage Campaign"

On Sunday December 6 at 9:00 AM, Martin Bennett, the leader of the Living Wage Movement in Sonoma County, will speak about their campaign to raise the minimum wage in our county to \$15 for all workers. He will be accompanied by an inhome services worker who will share their experiences of supporting a family on the current SoCo wage of \$11.45 an hour.

Please RSVP if you wish to attend to the CST office at (707) 578-5519 so we can prepare enough gourmet breakfast for everyone. Of course, ladies are also invited.

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Seventh Annual TH N Sunday, December 6

A Shomrei Torah Hanukkah tradition continues on Sunday, December 6, when a committed group of Shomrei Torah volunteers will be calling members of our congregation, asking for contributions to our seventh annual Hanukkah Gelta-Thon. This event not only raises much needed money for our operations and programs; it also brings us together as a community celebrating the spirit of generosity and giftgiving for which this holiday stands.

While we suggest a donation of \$118/family, what we truly hope to see is for everyone to participate. We welcome gifts at every level.

Avoid the call and make contributions in advance! Just log on to our website and click on the Gelt-a-Thon donation button. Or send in a check, call the office and charge your credit card on file, or even come by the office and bring cash. Last year, 135 families donated prior to the Gelt-a-Thon! If you would like to help by making calls, contact the CST office to join our caller group and to be treated to a delicious breakfast!

We thank you in advance for your generosity, and have a happy *Hanukkah*!

Reed Ferrick and John Weinstein, Co-chairs

Hanukkah Fair

When: Sunday, December 6, 9:00-11:00 AM

Where: Congregation Shomrei Torah

What: Children's *Hanukkah* Fair. Join us for music, art, bounce house, face painting, and delicious *Hanukkah* treats!

Children of all ages welcome and it's FREE!



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Rabbi's Tisch - Dreamers: Hear Their Stories Friday, December 11, 6:15 PM

Meet four inspiring Dreamers who faced the hurdles of our immigration policies. Brought to the US as young children, they attended local schools, community colleges and graduated from Sonoma State University. As they reached adulthood, their undocumented status threatened to take away the only home they knew and derail their education and career plans. DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), instituted by President Obama in 2012, granted Dreamers temporary legal status and allows them to work. Anayeli Cruz, raised in Napa, works for Cope Family Center providing needed services to at-risk families. Ariana Aparicio grew up in Point Reyes Station. A grateful recipient of a scholarship from 10,000 Degrees, she was honored to work for this organization that enables students to obtain a college education. She currently works as an Academic Advisor at SSU. Jesús Guzmán grew up in Sonoma and is now Program Director for the Graton Day Labor Center. He founded the DREAM Alliance of Sonoma County to advocate for the California Dream Act. **Luis Bravo** is completing the Master's Degree in Counseling program at SSU. In 2010 his undocumented status prevented him from doing an internship. DACA has allowed him to resume his studies and also work for VIDAS, a non-profit immigration legal services organization.

These Dreamers have been recognized with multiple awards for their dedication to the community and to social justice. The Social Action Committee is pleased to sponsor this Tisch and introduce these impressive young people to the congregation. Please join us for a nourishing and informative evening. Shabbat Blessings and dinner at 6:15, program to follow. Reserve your space for dinner by calling the office at (707) 578-5519 or emailing denise@cstsr.org. Suggested donation is \$18.

Carlebach Shabbat - Friday, December 25, 6:15 PM

Often called the Debbie Friedman of Orthodox Judaism, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach infused traditional worship with new life through his original and accessible folk-style melodies. Carlebach's music has been adopted by every movement of Judaism and his message



that singing in prayer is for everyone resonates now more than ever.

Winter Warmth Drive for our Friends at Elisha's Pantry ends December 4:

Last chance to participate!

Congregation Shomrei Torah and Congregation Beth Ami are again having a clothing drive to keep our friends in the community warm this winter. We are collecting new or *gently used* items to distribute to clients of Elisha's Pantry. Donations should be clean and free of holes and stains!

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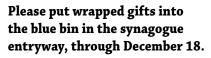
To Participate: Drop off items in the collection bin at CST. Extra Large adult and children's sizes are especially needed. Good condition blankets, sleeping bags and rain gear are high in demand for this year's anticipated wet weather.

To Be More Involved: Volunteer to help distribute items at the Pantry 2:30 to 5:30 pm during the first 3 Thursdays of December. Adults & children welcome. **For high school students needing community service hours for school, this is a great way to accumulate them.** It's Super Fun!

To volunteer or for more information please contact:contact the CST office at (707) 578-5519.

Congregation Shomrei Torah's Seventh Annual Posada Toy Drive

We are once again collecting new or <u>very gently used</u> toys to donate to the children of our local community this holiday season.





Wrapped gifts should have a tag indicating gender (girl, boy or either) and age range (baby, 3–5,6–10,10–14,15 & up)

Sponsors: Social Action Committee and STARS

To help volunteer please contact the CST office at (707) 578-5519.

January Rabbi's Tisch with Rabbi Leah Lewis

Friday, January 8, 6:15 PM

Are religious people more ethical? Does observing the commandments and going to services make you a better person? In the early 19th century, parts of the Old World Jewish community came to the shocking (for them) conclusion that observance and behavior were not necessarily related; you could be very religious and also a scoundrel. In response, they created a new



Rabbi Leah Lewis

movement called *mussar*, to marry Jewish religious observance and ethical behavior. Come hear Rabbi Leah Lewis, Rabbi and Director of Lifelong Learning at Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'a lot in Irvine, speak about these topics following a delicious catered meal. Cost is \$18. RSVP to CST office.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND TAKE JACK in concert at CST

Saturday, January 9 at 7:30 PM

Take Jack is a nine-member collaborative ensemble of Sonoma County-based singers, composers, and musicians who charmed and inspired a sellout CST audience at last year's Peace Concert. The *Jacks* beautifully navigate a lively and wide-ranging repertoire of original compositions and arrangements infused with stellar harmonies and informed by folk, roots, rock, choral, and jazz traditions. Their mix runs the gamut from a cappella to various additions of guitar, mandolin, keyboard, harmonica, banjo, toy piano and bass. A good amount of fun is involved.

The January concert will feature songs about choices we face in navigating the terrain of the day-to-day, and compositions from the *Covered in Birds* cycle written for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. The set list will also include a preview of a new composition by Robin Eschner entitled "Crazy Cold Beautiful" that was written by Robin while she was a McKnight Foundation Visiting Composer in 2014 . Take Jack will be traveling to Minnesota in early February 2016 for the premiere performances of this piece.

Seats may be purchased online at www.cstsr.org and through the CST office. Seats are \$12 if purchased in advance and \$15 at the door. This concert is a fundraiser to support the work of the CST Social Action Committee.

Ashkenazi and Sephardic Cooking Classess

Sundays, January 10 and 31, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Chef Les Goodman was practically raised in the French kitchens of his mentor—Chef Andre Rochat—Las Vegas' "original celebrity chef." Michelin-starred dining rooms gave him roots in classical French cuisine, and his work and travels through India and Thailand gave him an appreciation for global flavors and techniques. Les arrived in Sonoma County in 2008 to work for Charlie Palmer's



Chef Les Goodman

Dry Creek Kitchen and found his passion—combining international experience with local cuisine and West County wines. He has a passion for good Jewish deli food. His Goodman's Jewish Deli is popular and can be found at local Sonoma County farmer's markets. Please RSVP to the CST office, (707) 578-5519. Free

Shabbat with Guest Cantor Mary Thomas

Friday, January 22, 6:15 PM

Join Rabbi Kramer and Cantor David for a Cantorial Shabbat as they welcome their classmate, Cantor Mary Thomas, to Shomrei Torah for a special service of our Jewish musical heritage. She currently serves as Associate Cantor at Temple Beth El in Charlotte, NC, and has been nationally recognized for her work in Jewish education and engagement.



Cantor Mary Thomas

Shabbat at Armstrong Woods, Tu B'ShvatSaturday, January 23, 10:30 AM

Come celebrate the birthday of the trees through an experiential Shabbat service surrounded by the beauty of



1,000-year-old redwood trees. This service will be family-friendly and followed by a potluck picnic.

Special Torah Study, Shabbat Service and Luncheon

Saturday Morning, February 6, 2016 Led By Rabbi Stephanie and Cantor David

For many years, up to two dozen congregants have met every Saturday morning in the Kolbo room to read from the weekly Torah section and discuss its meaning and relevance for us in today's world. The session goes from 8:45 to 10:15 AM, and all CST community members are welcome to attend, weekly or just once in a while, actively participating or just listening.

On February 6, 2016, the Torah Study will take place in the Sanctuary to accommodate both the regular attendees and those of us who will be attending for the first time in a while or perhaps for the first time ever. We encourage you to come and explore the world of the Jewish Torah with us at that time!

At 10:30 AM, all Torah Study attendees are invited to remain and join us in the beautiful Shabbat morning service, along with others who may not have been able to attend Torah Study.

Immediately after services and kiddush (around 12:00 PM), we will share a light luncheon.

Rosh Chodesh

February 6, at 7:00 PM

The next Rosh Chodesh women's group will be February 6, at 7:00 PM—Rosh Chodesh for the month of Adar 1.

The month of *Adar* is a time for madness and fun. There are two months of Adar this year. Come and play games with us as the first Adar approaches—wear funny hats and find ways to let loose. Feather boas are encouraged!

Please call Judith Goleman to RSVP—or just show up, ready to be silly.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 11 at 5:00 PM

Hope all of you had a festive Thanksgiving holiday. Wishing all of you a Hanukkah Chag Same'ach. We look forward to seeing you Friday, December 11 at 5:00 PM for our monthly Tot Shabbat and a little Hanukkah fun.



Blessings,

Tot Shabbat Lauren

2016 Social Action Goes to the Movies

The Social Action Committee launches its 2016 film series with films and a forum that focus on mental health. The



films and forum are open to the public free of charge but donations are welcome.

"A Reason to Live"—This powerful documentary about teen and young adult depression and suicide captures 12 personal stories of despair and hope. February 20.

"The Mask You Live In" — Addresses the issues boys and young men have in dealing with society's narrow definition of masculinity. This film directed by Jennifer Seibel Newsom, is an official selection of the 2015 Sundance Film Festival. March 19.

"Poster Girl"—Traces a high school cheerleader, turned machine gunner in the Iraq War, as she returns home to deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). April 16.

All films will be on Saturday nights at 7:30 PM. A panel discussion featuring local and regional experts and people affected by mental illness will follow each of the films.

The Social Action Committee's series on mental health will wrap up with a **Community Forum on Depression**, Sunday May 22, starting at 2:00 PM, in recognition of May National Mental Health Month. The Forum will host leading experts and give voice to those who suffer from depression, as well as to those who are closest to them. A featured speaker will be Sonoma County Supervisor Shirlee Zane, whose experience with her husband's depressive illness and suicide instilled in her a strong commitment to community mental health care. The entire four-month series on mental health is co-sponsored by Sonoma County NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness), Jewish Family and Children's Services, Sonoma County Behavioral Health, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

In recognition of "The Social Action Goes to the Movies" film series, CST was honored in April of 2015 with an honorable mention Fain Award for "exemplary social justice work" from the Union of Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C.

What Would You Do If You Knew You Wouldn't Fail?

Each night of *Hanukkah* the blessing for lighting the candles on the *Hanukkiah*, we say a blessing acknowledging miracles performed for our forefathers at this time in ancient days.

I have never understood why we say the prayer for miracles on the first night: if the miracle of *Hanukkah* is the longevity of a small amount of oil, the miracle has not happened yet on the first night.

We know that the amount of oil found was supposed to last one night. I wonder how the Jews reacted as nightfall approached at the end of the first day. Once the miraculous oil continued to burn, were the Jews anxious? Shocked? Elated? The Jews had just been victorious in battle, winning a war when all odds were against them. Their temple had been destroyed and they gathered to rebuild what was in shambles.

But the oil that was only supposed to burn for one day continued into the second, third, fourth... for eight full days.

There is only one explanation for saying the blessing for miracles on the first night. We say the blessing for miracles before the miracle even happens because we have ultimate faith.

The *Hanukkah* story is all about faith, faith that a small Maccabee army



Rabbi Kramer

could overcome a fierce military giant. Faith in the rehabilitation of the Jewish people in ancient times. And the faith the Jews needed to have to light the menorah in the first place.

It was brave to use the only oil they had to light the lamp. What if it hadn't lasted? What would they have done? Taking a leap of faith is often the bravest thing a person can do. Taking that initial step can often be viewed as miraculous.

Everyone encounters first steps that seem daunting, scary and seemingly impossible. "What would you do if you knew you wouldn't fail?" I love this question, especially in the context of *Hanukkah*. Take a moment and really answer this question honestly. What would you do if you KNEW you wouldn't fail?

During this season of darkness, we have to look for light. Act like our ancestors and don't hesitate to light your figurative menorah... and immediately give thanks for the miracle that is yet to be. Happy *Hanukkah!*

B'shalom, Rabbi Kramer

Share Your Jewish Journey With Us!

Over the years, many of our congregants have participated in a CST tradition on Yom Kippur afternoon by describing their individual paths to Shomrei Torah. And by each journey's end, we knew three members of our community better than we had before.

Please add your own Jewish journey to a treasury of stories now being collected for placement in the Shomrei Torah Library.

WHY WE'RE COLLECTING JEWISH JOURNEYS

Every person's path is meaningful.

For the individual, remembering, reflecting, and writing is a way to honor the traveler(s) and the road taken.

For our CST family, each journey we read will deepen our knowledge and appreciation of our remarkable and diverse community as it preserves the congregation's precious Jewish history.

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For the rabbis and cantor, for teachers, and even for older students in our religious school, certain journeys in part or in their entirety may serve to illustrate lessons or serve as sources of historical detail.



HOW TO TAKE PART

Simply mail, email as an attachment, or drop off at the office your previously presented Jewish journey OR a newly written story of 750 words or less (preferably typed) to one of the following addresses by April 1, 2016, at latest. Earlier submissions are encouraged!

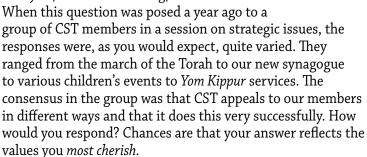
Note: Rabbi George will read each submission.

LEGACY NEWS

Our Values and Our Legacy

Here are three questions for you to consider:

What event or activity at Shomrei Torah have you found most meaningful?



What Jewish values do you most want to leave to future generations?

If you read through the Legacy Circle profiles of those who have chosen to recognize CST in their estate planning documents, you will also notice a variety of salient values that are emphasized. Prominent among them are transmission of progressive Jewish values to future generations, involvement in a reform Jewish community, sustaining Jewish traditions, respect for diversity and human rights, and social and environmental action aimed at *tikkun olam*.

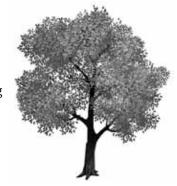
How can we best ensure that the values and practices we most care about live on for generations to come?

Obviously, transmitting values within our families is critical. But it is only through vibrant, active institutions that we can succeed in transmitting values. If just one-third to one-half of our members join the 15 percent of members who are currently in the Legacy Circle, we will have our best chance of ensuring that future generations will enjoy the benefits for which we are currently so grateful.

Roy Sparrow, Co-Chair Legacy Circle

Cemetery Plots Available

Cemetery plots (1 or 2 together) in original Shomrei Torah section of Franklin Cemetery. Nice spot near the only olive tree and bench. Selling for original purchase price (\$2,195 each). Lots in old section no longer available. Price of lots in new CST section now \$2,895. Please call the CST office at (707) 578-5519.



Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

"The Earth was here before us and was given to us. Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years..."

Pope Francis 2015 Encyclical on the Environment

Celebrate an eco-friendly *Hanukkah* with Green Goods and Green Food!

- Use eco-friendly candles made of beeswax.
- Opt for reusable gift wrap and send e-cards (instead of snail mail)
- Buy organic, fair trade chocolate gelt.
- Make pumpkin latkes from organic produce and free-range eggs (and be sure to serve organic applesauce and sour cream!).

http://www.greentipoftheweek.com/enjoy-a-green-chanukkah.html http://www.onegreenplanet.org/vegan-food/tips-for-having-a-healthier-hanukkah/http://www.coejl.org/resources/hanukkah-8-days-of-action

The Environmental Action Committee wishes you a Happy Hanukkah!

CST's New Tzedakah Box!

More than a year in the making, Shomrei Torah's newly installed *Tzedakah* box is now accepting donations. The box was designed by CST member Linda Weiss in collaboration with Rabbi George Gittleman and Ben Benson. It was handcrafted by Weiss, a noted silversmith, and by cabinetmaker Greg Zall. The colored glasswork is by Dr. Charlie Catlett.

Our new *Tzedakah* box was conceived as a gift from the congregation to Rabbi George on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of his rabbinate—his "*chai*" year. The 18-inch tall box is made of natural cherry wood and depicts an olive branch on each side made of inlaid argentium sterling silver. In addition to symbolizing peace, the olive branches are a visual link to the nearby Heritage Cabinet, the bima

furniture, and the signature olive tree on the patio just outside the building entrance. The colored glass panels on either side of the box, illuminated by interior LED bulbs, correlate to the twelve tribes of Israel. Next time you enter Shomrei Torah, please take a moment to admire this work of art, and consider making a donation, 100% of which will directly benefit those in need.



Israel on Campus: New CST Resource Guide for Students and Families

If events concerning Israel get out of hand on the campus you or a family member attends, you'll want to know this resource guide is at the ready. See our website, www. cstsr.org under Community | College or, go directly with this link http://www.shomreitorah. org/college-students/. There are many annotated leads to good information, including some items you may want to read now. If it's urgent, the immediate points for contact are Paula Simon, Director of Operations and Special Projects, Jewish Community Relations Council, psimon@jcrc.org, (415) 977-7401, ext. 101, and our clergy and staff via the temple office, (707) 578-5519. The resource guide was prepared by a collaboration of the Social Action Committee with our regional Jewish Community Relations Council.

Chavurah News



From bottom left: Maury Schulkin, Steve Barmazel, Rick Reisman, Warren Wiscombe, Naomi Granvold. From the upper left: Owen Shirwo, Ann Schulkin, Catherine Reisman, Judith Bernstein, Cherelle Noel, Helenka Wiscombe, Margaret Peacock, Steve Lash, Dena Lash. Missing is: Carol Gorenberg.

Our *Chavurah* has fifteen people—a mixture of couples and singles. Some of our original members have been together for 15 years; the newest members joined six months ago. We get together about 10 times a year. We celebrate Jewish holidays, and enjoy various outings, such as musical events, movies, plays and other live performances (John Oliver was a highlight), and an occasional jaunt to the Bay Area.

Catherine Reisman

Shomrei Torah Men in Retreat

Thirty-eight CST men spent the weekend together recently at the Enchanted Hills Camp near the Napa Valley. It was a weekend filled with music, games, food, camaraderie, spirituality, fellowship and fun. The solid turnout was punctuated by the eleven members who were attending for the first time. Thanks goes out to the hard-working Men's Retreat Committee, especially co-chairs Norman Eisley and Sam Rose. The CST Men's Retreat is held every other year, with other men's get-togethers in between. If you are interested in being a part of the Men's Retreat Committee, please contact the temple office for more information.





Business to Business at Shomrei Torah

Are you a business person or professional searching for opportunities to grow your business? Congregation Shomrei Torah has just the opportunity for you. Join our B2B@ CST Business Networking Group and meet an interesting variety of business people just like you. Each of us are members of CST and are committed to growing our businesses and helping you grow yours through leads that we share within the group.

You'll meet an eclectic mix of members including financial planners, chiropractors, tax preparers, estate attorneys, asset managers, business and employment consultants, realtors, home remodelers, fine artists, graphic

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artists, photographers and more. Not only is the B2B@CST group good for business, but you'll forge and strengthen new friendships and alliances to connect to our robust community. Sonoma County is a great place to live and joining B2B@CST will make your life here even richer!

Join us for our next meeting at our **NEW TIME, 8:00 AM**, on the second Tuesday of the month, at Congregation Shomrei Torah. For more information, contact the CST office at (707) 578-5519.

Care packages for college students!

Matzah toffee, a wind-up dreidel, a Seder plate, chocolate gelt— just a taste of what we sent last year to 45 Shomrei Torah college students. Would your college student enjoy some holiday treats? Let us know his or her college address and we will send fun and delicious Passover greetings from their Shomrei Torah family! Current addresses needed by the beginning of March for the Passover mailing.

We would love to include all college students! Please email the CST office (ra@cstsr.org) with the following information: your student's name, college name, year in school, college mailing address, email, plus your name, phone number, and email. If your student received mailings during the 2014-2015 school year, you will need to resubmit information to be included again this year, even if the address hasn't changed.

Would you like to help bake or assemble the packages? Contact the CST office at (707) 578-5519.





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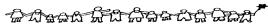
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Friday, December 4

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 5

Weekly Torah portion: *Vayeishev* 8:45 am - *Torah Study* 10:30 am - *Shabbat Service* Bat Mitzvah of Amelia Brown 10:30 AM — 12:00 PM

Friday, December 11

6:15 pm - Rabbi's Tisch "Dreamers" sponsored by the SAC

Saturday, December 12

Weekly Torah portion: *Mikeitz* 8:45 am - *Torah Study led by John Hart* 10:30 am - *Shabbat Service*

Friday, December 18

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 19

Weekly Torah portion: *Vayigash* 8:45 am *- Torah Study* 10:30 am *- Shabbat Service* Bar Mitzvah of Toby Feibusch 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Friday, December 25

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service featuring the music of Shlomo Carlebach

Saturday, December 26

Weekly Torah portion: *Va-y'chi* 8:45 am - *Torah Study* 10:30 am - *Shabbat Service*

JANUARY **SERVICES**

Friday, January 1

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 2

Weekly Torah portion: *Shimot 6* 8:45 am - *Torah Study* 10:30 am - *Shabbat Service*

Friday, January 8

6:15 pm - Rabbi's Tisch with Rabbi Leah Lewis

Saturday, January 9

Weekly Torah portion: *Va-eira* 8:45 am *- Torah Study* 10:30 am *- Shabbat Service*

Friday, January 15

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 16

Weekly Torah portion: *Bo* 8:45 am - *Torah Study* 10:30 am - *Shabbat Service*

Friday, January 22

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service featuring guest cantor Mary Thomas

Saturday, January 23

Weekly Torah portion: *B'shalach* 8:45 am - *Torah Study*

10:30 am - Shabbat Service in honor of Tu B'shvat

Friday, January 29

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 30

Weekly Torah portion: *Yitro* 8:45 am *- Torah Study* 10:30 am *- Shabbat Service*

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONGREGATION

- To worship God in accordance with the beliefs and teachings of Reform Judaism.
- To cultivate and nurture in ourselves and our children a love and understanding of Jewish heritage.
- To develop a sensitive, caring and supportive congregational community where all are welcome and included.
- To act with responsibility and compassion in our community.
- To support the principles of equality, freedom and shalom among all peoples.

