



Concert for Peace

Saturday, February 28 – 7:30 PM

More than 120 singers will gather to present a free Concert for Peace on February 28 at Shomrei Torah. The event is open to the public. The singers represent many faiths, multiple generations and the diversity of our county. The common note among them is a love of music and an enduring hope for peace in our community and the world.

Performing will be the wonderful Shomrei Torah choir, conducted by Cantor David Frommer, joined by four other groups. *The Joyful Noise! Gospel Singers*, directed by Benjamin Mertz, will sing African folk songs, American Spirituals and gospel music. *Lobosong* from Elsie Allen High School is directed by Kyle Thompson. This high-energy, auditioned choir excels musically, and works as a team to perform many

different styles and genres of music. *Take Jack*, a Sonoma County-based ensemble of nine singers and musicians perform a diverse repertoire of original compositions and arrangements influenced by folk, classical, rock and jazz traditions. The *Occidental Community Choir*, directed by Andy DelMonte, started in 1978 and has long since solidified its reputation for excellence with a unique concert experience that combines storytelling, humor, poetry and an off-the-beaten-path repertoire.

These groups will join together to sing with the audience at the end of the concert. Come, sing, enjoy and stand for peace! The concert is sponsored by the Social Action Committee. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door to defray expenses.



Save The Date! 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. There is a place at the table waiting for you. The cost is \$30 per adult, \$18 children twelve and under, and free for children under four. Reservations required – call (707) 578-5519 or reserve online at www.cstsr.org.

Rabbi's Tisch

Ken Kanter, "We Jews on Broadway"

Friday, February 13



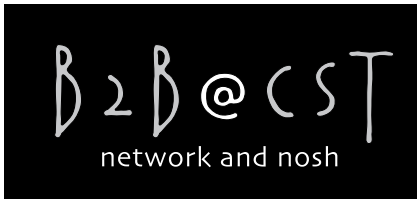
Rabbi's Tisch takes place at 6:15 PM on the second Friday evening of each month and includes a brief service, a delicious catered dinner, and an exploration of topics central to Jewish life and tradition. At February's Tisch there will be a sing-along history of the Jewish contribution to the American

Broadway musical, including the music of Irving Berlin, the Gershwins, Jerome Kern and Rodgers & Hart. Joined by Cantor David, we will sing along to lyrics from *Oklahoma*, *West Side Story* and *Guys and Dolls*. It will be led by Kenneth A. Kanter, a popular lecturer and author, and the Associate Dean and Director of the Rabbinical School for the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Don't miss these wonderful experiences. Please RSVP to Denise in our office at 707-578-5519 or denise@cstsr.org.

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Business To Business Connecting with others in business at CST

Tuesday, February 10 – 7:30 AM

Do you own or represent a small business? Then you are invited to the next B2B@CST for coffee and business networking with other members of Congregation Shomrei Torah. All Temple members are welcome.

Our meetings last one hour and feature round-robin-style introductions and a ten-minute speaker each month from our membership. Our January speaker was Bob Heisler. Our February speaker will be Irv Rothenberg of Buckingham Asset Management. Irv will be speaking about how he brings value to his clients and the kind of clients he is looking for.

Our mission is to build each other's businesses and create more business opportunities together within the CST community. We would love to have you join us! Please contact the CST office for more information or to join the B2B@CST mailing list.



Shomrei Torah Hosts 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide

Tuesday, February 10 – 7:30 PM

"Orphans of the Genocide," an award-winning documentary, will highlight our commemoration of the 1915 Armenian genocide at a special evening. Filmmaker Bared Maronian, a four-time regional Emmy Award winner, will introduce the movie. Shomrei Torah's Social Action Committee is honored to host the evening, co-sponsored by the Sonoma State University Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide. The event is free and open to the public.

The documentary weaves historical archives with interviews and memoirs of Armenian orphans to establish irrevocable proof of the Armenian Genocide. An emotional, visual journey through never-before-seen archival footage and memoirs of orphans who lived through the last century's first, fully documented and least-recognized Armenian Genocide of 1915 features insightful interviews with prominent figures and scholars.

During the last two years, "Orphans of the Genocide" has been broadcast on PBS stations nationwide reaching over 12 million viewers. Additionally, the documentary has been selected for various events and film festivals throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe, as well as in the Middle East and South America and has captured numerous awards.

For more information, contact the CST office.

Social Action Committee Goes to the Movies

CST's Judge Arnie Rosenfield Heads Panel on Restorative Justice

Saturday, February 21 – 7:00 PM

John Beck's film, "Restorative Justice: Changing Hearts and Minds," and a panel of experts headed up by Shomrei Torah's Arnie Rosenfield puts the spotlight on Restorative Justice (RJ) in Sonoma County. Restorative Justice is a system of justice in which crime is viewed as harm done to victims and to the community; the goal is the repair of that harm, rather than retribution and revenge. This is the second film in the Social Action Goes to the Movies series. The evening is free and open to the public.

Longtime Press Democrat staff writer John Beck made the movie over a two-year period, following the local restorative justice movement as it took root in Santa Rosa Schools, the Sonoma County judicial and probation system, and in the lives of victims, offenders, teachers, students, volunteers and parents.

A few years back, Superior Court Judge Rosenfield served on a federally funded nationwide committee to develop ways to promote and implement RJ in about 10 states. He met with some of the leaders of the movement, and launched a major conference a dozen years ago. Now retired, Rosenfield is an advisor to a local organization called Restorative Resources.

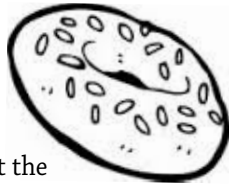
Other panelists include Socorro Shiels, Superintendent of Santa Rosa City Schools; Susan Kinder, Executive Director, Restorative Resources; Jane Weil, Restorative Resources Conference Coordinator; and Karym Sanchez, who as an at-risk youth turned his life around when he became a father at 18. He is a staff member of Restorative Resources, and is also a leader with the North Bay Organizing Project.

The final movie in the Social Action series will be shown at 7:00 PM on Saturday, March 21.

Men's Bagel Club

Sunday, February 1 – 9:00 AM

At the last Bagel Club meeting, Rabbi Kramer talked to us about a number of different topics including what she has been doing at Shomrei Torah, her thoughts about the impact of women rabbis, the future of electronics in Jewish and synagogue life and the way we access prayer. It was an interesting morning with our Associate Rabbi that was enjoyed by all who attended.



The program for the February 1 Men's Bagel Club is still being finalized, but check the Chai-Lites and your email for news of this stimulating program. And, as always, we'll begin the morning with bagels, lox and cream cheese with all the extras, and a chance to visit with the other Bagelers attending with you. If you haven't been to a Men's Bagel Club brunch before, stop by on February 1, have some breakfast, visit with some other Shomrei Torah people and enjoy a great program. All this for only \$7.



Bereavement Spiritual Support Group

Tuesdays, 8 Weeks beginning

February 3 – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Grief is a normal and deeply painful response to loss. Being with an understanding community can help bring comfort and healing to mourners. This group will provide a supportive context with resources drawn from grief counseling models, spiritual care and Jewish tradition to help you through the mourning process. The eight-week series, facilitated by Rabbi Natan Fenner of the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center together with Alissa Hirshfeld-Flores, LMFT, is for people who are grieving the death of a person. The group is open to CST members as well as the wider community. Pre-registration is required, as the group is limited to eight participants and drop-ins cannot be

accommodated. Cost for the series is \$100 and low-stress financial options are available.

To register, or for more information, please contact the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, 415-750-4197; e-mail gkoltthoff@bajhc.org or visit the BAJHC website, www.jewishhealing.org.

The Bereavement Spiritual Support Group is offered by the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center and co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County, Congregation Shir Shalom, Congregation Ner Shalom, B'nai Israel Jewish Center, Congregation Beth Ami, and Congregation Shomrei Torah. It is made possible, in part, by the generous tzedaka of the Bernard Osher Jewish Philanthropies Foundation of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

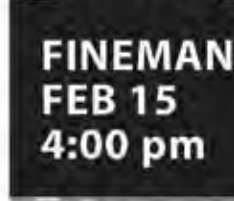
Purchase tickets online:
www.cstsr.org

PLAYBILL

CST PERFORMANCE SERIES



MARC SALEM
JAN 24
7:30 pm



FINEMAN & HURD
FEB 15
4:00 pm



DUELING CANTORS
MAR 28
7:30 pm



MAMA-LOGUES
MAY 9
7:30 pm





This retreat is an exceptional opportunity to bring the congregation together in a holistic intergenerational way.

When does the congregation as a whole get to truly experience *Shabbat*? When, if ever, do we get to, as a community, have an extended Jewish experience that a *Shabbaton* like this can offer?

This is a retreat for ALL members of the congregation to join together—young and old, singles and families, new members and old friends.

CONGREGATION SHOMREI TORAH INTERGENERATIONAL SHABBAT WEEKEND

At beautiful Camp Newman
Friday, April 10–Sunday, April 12, 2015
All ages are welcome!



ADULTS: \$185 | \$200 after March 1

TEENS 13-18: \$125 | \$140 after March 1

CHILDREN 4-12: \$85 | \$100 after March 1

CHILDREN 0-3: FREE!

MAXIMUM PER FAMILY: \$540 | \$555 after March 1

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Join Rabbi George, Rabbi Kramer, Cantor David and your Shomrei Torah community!

Enjoy the chance to relax with your family and friends, take a hike, sing, study Torah, create art, worship under the trees!



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**CONGREGATION SHOMREI TORAH
INTERGENERATIONAL SHABBAT WEEKEND
AT CAMP NEWMAN
FRIDAY, APRIL 10–SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015**

REGISTRATION FORM

Contact person _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name(s) of adults _____

Name(s) and age(s) of children _____

Each couple and/or family will be assigned a cabin with private facilities.
Individual adults will be paired to share cabins; single room supplement available.
(Late registration fees for forms received after March 1 are shown in parenthesis.)

_____ Total number of adults @\$185 (\$200)	\$ _____
_____ Number of single room supplements @ \$25	\$ _____
_____ Total number of children age 13-18 @ \$125 (\$140)	\$ _____
_____ Total number of children age 4-12 @\$85 (\$100)	\$ _____
_____ Total number of children age 3 and under	\$ -0-
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum family fee \$540 (\$555)	\$ _____

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
Contact the office.

TOTAL FEES \$ _____

Deposit \$ _____

A deposit of \$100 will hold your space.

All fees must be paid in full by March 1 to ensure Early Registration savings!

PAYMENT: ☐ Cash or check (enclosed)

☐ Use credit card on file

☐ Use this credit card: Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Return to Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa 95404
Questions? Call the office at 578 5519.



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Tickets Available

Performance Series Continues in February

Buy your tickets now for Shomrei Torah's first-ever Performance Series. Quality entertainment, live on our very own stage. Go to www.cstsr.org to purchase online, or call the office, 707-578-5519.

Sunday, February 15, 2015 – 4:00 PM

Folk Musician and Cantorial Soloist Alisa Fineman and Kimball Hurd

Alisa Fineman is a Monterey Bay-based singer-songwriter and cantorial soloist whose "deep, emotional singing voice" will more than entertain you. You are guaranteed to be transported, both by her original songs and by her sacred Jewish music. She will appear with multi-instrumentalist Kimball Hurd, whose versatility on guitar, mandolin, mandola, slide guitar and banjo adds exquisite musical textures to the duo's gorgeous harmonies. Come, sit still and be moved.

Saturday, March 28, 2015 – 7:30 PM

Dueling Cantors: David Frommer and Josh Breitzer

Kibbitzing, competition and some seriously talented cantoring are in store when Shomrei Torah's own Cantor David Frommer teams up with noted Cantor Joshua Breitzer for an evening of beautiful music, friendly banter and a bit of silliness. Josh Breitzer is Cantor and Music Director at Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn, New York. And you thought Cantor Frommer could sing? Wait till you hear this pair outdo one another, overdone and over the top.

Saturday, May 9, 2015, 7:30 PM (Mother's Day Weekend)

The Mama-logues: A Comedy About Motherhood

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 familiar winces 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.

Yom Hashoah

Wednesday, April 15

6:15 PM

Please join us for the memorial observance held on Yom Hashoah, the Day of Remembrance.



Reasons to Bring your Friends to CST

1) Since you love it, they will love it too! Hopefully you are reading this article because you love CST and enjoy the services, programs and community we offer. Since these are things you enjoy, I am sure that your friends would benefit from coming to check out what CST has to offer. Bring a friend to services, a class, a holiday celebration. Our doors are always open!

Having friends meet friends only strengthens our community.

2) The more the merrier! Haven't you ever wanted to bring your closest friends together in one spot so they can meet each other? This is the best place to do that! If all of your friends come then, there is no need to choose where you should be. Having friends meet friends only strengthens our community. I want to meet your friends. If you ever bring anyone in, be sure to introduce them to me.

3) Fun times! Lots of fun times are to be had here at CST. The Hanukkah party was overflowing with new friends of CST. Everyone enjoyed doughnuts, latkes and a packed evening! Coming up we have Purim and our Performance Series, which will offer exciting, fun events I know your friends will enjoy!



4) Learning... maybe you have the intellectually curious friend who has always wanted to see a Jewish service or ritual, or learn about why Jews do what we do. These friends might be interested in coming to a class, service, or even our Community Passover Seder. There is always a seat for them at the CST table!

5) Community is caring. Our community is stronger with you in it. We strive to be a tightly woven web of caring individuals, all providing strength for one another. Everyone needs this and is looking for where they will find it. CST is a great place to find the caring community that everyone needs.

B'shalom,
Rabbi Kramer

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Trip To The South & the AIDS Memorial Quilt

We began our memorable CST Trip to the South in May 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia. One of our first stops was a visit to the foundation for the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which began



in 1987 to memorialize those who died from the AIDS pandemic and to help people understand the devastating impact of the disease. The impassioned, articulate director of the Names Project spoke of AIDS history, politics, origins of this foundation, the continual financial struggles they face and their absolute resolve to continue this essential endeavor.

She then led us down a narrow hallway lined with sewing machines used by stalwart volunteers to stitch secured grommets around each and every quilt panel that has been sent to them. To date, this comprises 54 tons of fabric. Even the machines are hallowed and revered here.

Bright posters encouraging AIDS testing capped rows of industrial racks 8 foot high holding quilt upon folded quilt. Continuing on were more racks and more quilts and, suddenly, the numbers became gripping and staggering. Next was a dimly lit cavernous room with metal trunks holding still more quilts. It was endless. In every possible inch of this sacred room we were surrounded by history, death and honor – and overcome by the sheer magnitude of the names, the years and the tears for those we knew and the millions we didn't.

The outreach to educate our youth (and adults) about how to avoid contracting AIDS is just as critical as the quilts, and these quilts become the tactile link to opening that dialogue. The size of each panel was deliberately chosen to mirror a 3 foot by 6 foot coffin juxtaposed with the softness and warmth of fabric: lives lost, yet warmly, lovingly remembered.

Several of us on this trip have been touched by personal loss from AIDS. It was with this sense of shared community and in that very room that we felt compelled to bring several panels to Sonoma County so others, too, may have the opportunity to remember and reflect.

A special Rabbi's Tisch will be held on Friday, June 12, with noted speaker Andrew Ramer of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav of San Francisco. On Sunday, June 14, from 10:00 to 6:00 PM we invite the whole community to view a large display of AIDS quilts. Entry is free and donations will be accepted on behalf of the Names Project.

"Names" Needed for AIDS Quilt Display

If you have a friend or loved one who died of AIDS and for whom there is a quilt, please contact Shirley Liberman as soon as possible so that it will be included in the display. The Shomrei Torah-hosted event will begin with a Shabbat service on June 12, followed by an all-day related program from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on June 14. If you would like to make a donation toward the display, you can also contact the CST office.



A Successful Posada and Clothing Drive

A heartfelt thank you for all the amazing donations given for last year's Posada and Clothing Drive! Both events were a huge success because of your generosity. The Posada festival was attended by many families with children of all ages. It was so sweet to see the children's faces light up as they were given a present. We received many gifts, with an especially huge load brought in the night of our Hanukkah celebration.

The clothing drive also brought an enormous response of generosity. This year we had donations of high-quality items in excellent condition – some new with tags still on! We were able to extend the drive into January because of the large amount of items. The contributions make an enormous difference for our neighbors who struggle financially.

May 2015 be a year of happiness, health and good fortune for all of our Shomrei Torah families, friends and neighbors. Todah Rabah!

Gelt-A-Thon Raises Over \$30,000!

Reed Ferrick and John Weinstein, co-chairs of the Gelt-A-Thon, would like to thank all the 241 members, over half of our congregation, who participated in our annual fundraiser this past year, and particularly the following: Shirley Liberman, Margaret Livingston, Denise Harrison, Patty Foss, Bill Skoonberg, Susan Bailyn and Larry Moskowitz, for their behind-the-scenes help; and our Sunday-morning callers, Daniel Bornstein, Nancy Ferrick, Keith and Marsha Boxerman, Sue Lewis, Marcy Pluznick, Garry Goodman, Paige Sobel, Bruce Falstein, Jeff Schechter, Melissa Kort, Jeff Sargent, Shirley Liberman, Margaret Livingston, and Reed Maidenberg. Together, we made the 2014 Gelt-A-Thon another big success!

Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

"If I knew I was going to die tomorrow, I'd plant a tree today."

~ Rabbi Michael Robinson

**Tu B'Shvat.The new year for trees!
A time to celebrate trees and the environment.**

How to observe this lovely holiday. . .

- Plant a tree.
- Donate to environmental causes.
- Dedicate yourself to a more environmentally conscious lifestyle.
- Simply spend a little time in nature among the trees!

More information is available at www.jnf.org



College Care Packages

In early December, 44 Shomrei Torah college kids received Hanukkah care packages. Besides gelt and dreidels, the gifts included homemade baked goods, a new toothbrush, cough drops and more fun seasonal items, plus a note from Rabbi George, Rabbi Kramer and Cantor David.

Many thanks to our fabulous bakers: Florence Boxerman, Lynn Gasser and Ellen Douglass.

The packages were put together with love by Nancy Ferrick, Jill Goldberg, Lynn Gasser and Melissa Kort.

If you haven't sent in your college kids' names and addresses yet, email ra@cstr.org or call the synagogue office so we can include them on our Passover list!



JCC Chaverim News

Chaverim, our Sonoma county JCC teen education program enters its second semester, and it is never too late to join. Visit us at jccsoco.org or call Director Rick Concoff at 823-3016.

LEGACY NEWS

Meet Legacy Circle Member Rosanne Arthur



Rosanne Arthur and her family first joined Shomrei Torah in 1995. Like many families, they joined so their daughter might receive a Jewish education, which ultimately led to her Bat Mitzvah in 1999. Rosanne is so pleased that her daughter received a fine education and has made lifelong Jewish connections as the result of her time here. Today Rosanne's daughter remains active in collegiate Jewish life and has a strong Jewish identity.

Rosanne and her husband feel especially connected to and grateful for Rabbi George. They left the synagogue for a time when their daughter finished her Jewish education, but chose to return several years ago because of their appreciation of him. Rosanne feels that Rabbi George is "amazing" and for her brings "life to Judaism."

Her decision to participate in the Legacy Circle jelled with the possibility of "retiring the synagogue's debt." She hopes that someday the mortgage will be history and that Shomrei Torah can continue to thrive and expand as future needs dictate. Her ultimate hope is that more Jews in Sonoma County will affiliate with the synagogue and enable it to become even more of a true center of Jewish life in this community.



SHORTY

SHORTY, our Reform Temple Youth Group, did an incredible job running the STaRS Hanukkah Fair. After the fair, the SHORTY Board hosted a Hanukkah party. What's next for SHORTY? Roller skating, NFTY weekends and our own overnight at Camp Newman. Want to join the fun? Contact Brandon Binder at bbinder@urjcamps.org

Social Action Committee Urgent Need for YWCA Shelter

Domestic violence can escalate to the point that some women and their children have to flee not only their homes, but even the state they live in. Recently the YWCA Safe House gave haven to just such a desperate family driven far from their home and state by their possessive and violent abuser. Mother and three children are “doing well, thriving even, since being here,” says Dawn Silveira, longtime manager of Safe House. The Safe House provides women and their children the shelter, safety and support they need in order to establish new, secure, independent lives free from their former abusers.

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Safe House, however, has some urgent needs. Currently eight adults and fourteen children are sharing one old washer and dryer. For the past month, the Shomrei Torah Social Action Committee (SAC) has been building a fund to buy new washers and dryers at a special discounted price of \$3,900. We need many more donations to reach that amount by the end of

this month, the target date for the makeover of the laundry room.


In recent months the Social Action Committee has sponsored several activities related to the serious issue of domestic violence: A movie, “Crime After Crime”; and author Joshua Safran and a panel of community leaders who discussed the nature and prevalence of domestic violence in our community and nation. Members of SAC have also toured Safe House. After their visit, they were inspired and

moved to contribute in some way in a show of support for the shelter and services the YWCA staff and Safe House offer the families.


The staff is enlisting community help to upgrade the quality of the environment during their important transitional time at Safe House. Please help SAC remember these victims of domestic violence and do the mitzvah of a Chai donation to CST Social Action Committee. Please note its for the YWCA Safe House, otherwise it goes into the general SAC fund.

**Wednesday
March 4, 2015
6:15 PM**


Congregation Shomrei Torah
Purim Shpiel



Casting Call
Calling all interested actors, musicians, technicians & bakers. Please contact Ricki Nickel at ledric@mac.com



Rehearsals
Thursday 1/29
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday 2/25
6:30-8:30
Wednesday 3/4
4:00 - 6:00 pm



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Scenes From Our Hanukkah Celebration on December 17



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service of CST and CCUM (Christ Church United Methodist), our long-time “sister congregation,” was held on November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Officiating were Rabbi Kramer and CCUM pastor, Glo Wellman. Judith Goleman spoke on this year’s theme: “A Generous Heart”. The CCUM and CST choirs both sang. The event was very well attended by members of both congregations as well as members of the community at large. A total of \$570 dollars was raised for Elisha’s Pantry. Special thanks to Margo Miller and Craig Meltzner and Elaine Walter for the hard work that made this a meaningful service.

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JCC Friendship Circle Luncheons

Mondays, February 9 and 23 – 12:00 – 1:30 PM

February 9: Celebrate Chinese New Year and enjoy the beautiful sounds of the Chinese Harp in a performance by Mary Parker. The Chinese Harp, “Gu-Zheng,” with its 25 strings, has an amazing capacity to convey a wide range of emotions and give voice to the Chinese heart. Mary studied with masters for many years, and eventually earned several prestigious awards throughout China. Her experience and love for the Gu-Zheng bring harmony to the East and West cultural exchange.

February 23: Come to a presentation of Masters of Fire: The Copper Age in the Holy Land. Long before the pyramids were built in Egypt and writing was introduced in Mesopotamia, people in the Southern Levant – dwelling in the lands that today include Israel, Jordan, and their surrounding areas – were the first in the region to create metallurgy, temples, elaborate textiles, cash crops for export and stratified societies. This talk will focus on the hauntingly beautiful objects that illustrate how the technical, aesthetic and social developments of this period laid the groundwork for later cultural expansions.

Please RSVP by the Wednesday before the luncheon at 528-1182 or sandya@jccsoco.org. The cost is \$12 for JCC Friendship Circle members and \$15 for non-members, including lunch and dessert. Payment will be accepted at the door.

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Join A Chavurah

Have you considered joining a Chavurah? Our CST community joins Chavurot for many reasons: sharing holidays, exploring Jewish rituals, making friendships within our community, or practicing tikkum olam. This picture was taken by a member of one of our newest Chavuroh. Her Chavurah was combining an afternoon of Tikkun Olam at the Redwood Empire Food Bank with lunch out together. Sounded like fun. If you have a picture from your Chavurah's recent event, please send it to Jan Gilman at drjangilman@sbcglobal.net, so other Chavurot can see what is happening. The good news is that it is never too late to join. Applications are in the office. You will either be included in a new Chavurah or placed in an existing one as space allows.



Sharon Schechter



L to R, Marsha Boxerman, Ronnie Campagna

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on November 13 and December 11, 2014, and took the following actions:

- Approved a proposal to repair concrete work near the storage sheds as well as to clean up some landscaping and do additional planting and mulching.
- Authorized a name change from the Robert and Clare Harris Fund for Social Action to the Social Action Committee Fund in Honor of Robert and Claire Harris.
- Approved a resolution specifying parsonage allowances for both rabbis.
- Approved six new families for membership
- Special presentation: Anne Matalon was presented with a thank you gift by the Board for her years of service as chair of the Shomrei Torah Art Committee.

Any Shomrei Torah member is welcome to attend temple committee meetings and board meetings. Please contact the committee chairperson or board president to find out meeting times and agenda items.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 6
5:00 PM

Dearest Families,

Wishing all of you a very healthy, happy and good new solar year. We look forward to seeing you at our next Tot Shabbat on Friday, February 6th, for a vegetarian Shabbat potluck dinner. Our program will focus on trees with a Tu B'Shvat theme.

Blessings and love,

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/children interact and play with others in their age group. Come for the bagels, stay for the community! Please contact the CST office for more information.

SCTribe

Friday, February 27 – 7:30 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. Join us for

Pitchers for Purim on Friday, February 27. This event will be at the Heritage Public House, 1901 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. For upcoming events, questions or to join our mailing list, please contact us at sonomacountytribe@gmail.com.



B'not Mitzvah

Faith and Mara St. Amant

February 14, 2015 – 25 Shevat 5775

Please join us in celebrating the B'not Mitzvah of our daughters Mara and Faith St. Amant. Standing Kiddush by Leira to follow service.

Sheri Greene and Bryan St. Amant

JCC Ignite Event – “Enlighten Us, But Make It Quick”

Saturday, March 14 – 7:00 – 10:00 PM

This event was so popular at our 2014 Day of Learning that we are offering an expanded evening of Ignite on Saturday, March 14, at the Glaser Center. Ignite talks are like mini TED talks, and are about your passion, that thing in your life that you could talk about for hours. But there's a catch —the presentations are 5 minutes long and accompanied by 20 digital images of your choice.

You could be just the person to do this! We are looking for talks on Jewish topics or of interest to Jewish people. Please submit your ideas to Ellen Blustein at ellenb@jccsoco.org or call 526-5538.

JCC Camp Chai

Save the dates for JCC Camp Chai 2015

Session I: June 15-19 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Session II: June 22-26 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Visit jccsoco.org for more information and to register, or call Beth at 707-528-2549.

Bay Area Community Jewish Philosophy Circle “The Eight Chapters”

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1 - 7:00–8:30 pm

Taught by Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan of Lehrhaus Judaica

CST Members \$18, Non-Members \$36

This class studies the work of Jewish medieval philosopher, Maimonides, through the introduction to his Commentary on Pirke Avot, called the “Eight Chapters,” in which Maimonides explains the psychology of ethical behavior through his knowledge of Torah, theology and medicine. Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan is Senior Educator at Lehrhaus Judaica. He previously served Congregation Emanu-El of San Francisco as Rabbi and educator for 20 years. Register at www.lehrhaus.org.

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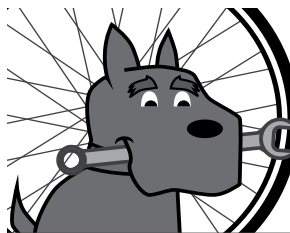
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Friday, February 6

5:00 pm

Tot Shabbat

6:15 pm

Second and Third Grade Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 7

Weekly Torah portion: Yitro, Exodus 18:1 – 20:23

8:45 am

Torah Study led by Mark Travis

10:30 am

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 13

6:15 pm - *Rabbi's Tisch – Ken Kanter*

Saturday, February 14

Weekly Torah portion: Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1 – 24:18

8:45 am

Torah Study led by Julie Stout

10:30 am

Shabbat Service

B'not Mitzvah of Faith and Mara St. Amant

Friday, February 20

6:15 pm

Fourth and Fifth Grade Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 21

Weekly Torah portion: Terumah, Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

8:45 am

Torah Study led by Rabbi George

10:30 am

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 27

6:15 pm

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 28

Weekly Torah portion: Tetzaveh, Exodus 27:20 – 30:10

8:45 am

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Shabbat Service

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