



“Crime After Crime” Lawyer Returns Joshua Safran Shares His Own Story In Evening Spotlighting Domestic Violence

Sunday June 29 – 3:30 PM

Last year, the Social Action Committee’s Film Series included a powerful film (“Crime After Crime”) about the fight to free Deborah Peagler, who languished in prison for years in a domestic violence murder case. Joshua Safran, the Orthodox Jewish attorney who helped lead the fight for years was a special guest speaker.

Joshua returns to Shomrei Torah on Sunday, June 29, to discuss his own battle as a child involving domestic violence, highlighted in his book: “Free Spirit: Growing Up on the Road and Off the Grid.” The event is at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary. A book signing will follow.

Publisher’s Weekly starred review: “A beautiful, powerful memoir. This assured debut is reminiscent of David Sedaris and Augustine Burroughs. Introspective, hilarious and heartbreaking.”

Joining Joshua in a discussion of domestic violence will be Wes Winter, Executive Director, Family Justice Center Sonoma County; Gloria Eurotas, District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Unit; Detective Sergeant Ruben Martinez of the Sheriff’s Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Unit; and Dawn Silvera, Shelter Manager YWCA Sonoma County.



This is a project of Shomrei Torah’s Social Action Committee. Copperfield’s Books is a co-sponsor. The event is free and open to the community. Refreshments will be served.

Shomrei Torah - *The Best Place to see July 4th Fireworks!*

The best place to see the 4th of July fireworks is from the Patio of Shomrei Torah. This year, we are having a FREE gathering available only to Shomrei Torah members and their guests. The doors will open at 7:00 PM with Friday Evening Shabbat services starting at 8. Services will be completed with time to assemble on the patio before the big Fireworks show starts around 9:30.

Bring your own lawn chairs, food, and drink. You’re

Rabbis’ Tisch

*Fridays June 13 and
July 11 – 6:15 PM*

The Rabbis’ Tisch is an alternative Erev Shabbat service offered on the second Friday of every month and features a delicious catered meal and exploration of topics central to Jewish life and tradition. At the June Tisch, on Friday, June 13, Maya Brodkey topic will be “Not Your Bubbeh’s Gender: Jewish Genders Through a Queer Lens”. She is the Bay Area Community Organizer for Keshet, a non-profit working for the full inclusion of LGBTQ Jews in Jewish life. The presentation will include: How is gender in the Jewish world different from gender in the non-Jewish world? Where has gender variance and non-



conformance appeared in Jewish history, and how has it been addressed? This discussion will explore both Biblical examples of non-normative Jewish genders and modern-day instances of Jewish gender bending.

The topic of the July Tisch is: *The Curious Case of Yigdal*

Something doesn’t add up: Jews sang Yigdal at Shabbat services for almost 600 years before it disappeared from our liturgy. When cantors were asked why, their explanations made no sense! Bring your detective hats and join Cantor David as he tries to solve the mystery of this missing prayer.

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

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Reform Congregations Join In Pride Parade

Sunday June 29

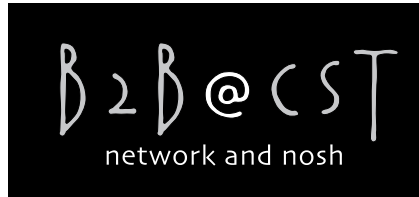
For the first time, the 25 Reform congregations in the greater Bay Area will march together in the San Francisco LGBT Pride Parade, Sunday, June 29, 2014. Reform Jews from across the Bay Area will march together as one united group to show our solidarity with the Pride movement, proclaim our support of civil and human rights, and demonstrate our own strength in numbers.

Many of the Bay Area's Reform congregations already participate in the annual event, and this year's parade will be no different. What does change is that this year we will stand together as one Reform Jewish community.

"Our goals are two-fold: to show our support of the LGBT community, and to allow members of our own Jewish community to get better acquainted," said Rabbi Andrea Berlin, the URJ's Congregational Network Director for the western region. "While we are each members of our own synagogues, we are also members of a broader Jewish community, and marching together is a way to vividly demonstrate that unity."

To sign up to walk as part of the Reform Movement, please visit <http://urj.org/west/SFpride/>

For more information about San Francisco Pride, visit <http://sfpride.org/parade/>.



Business To Business

Connecting with others in business at CST
Tuesdays June 10 and July 8
7:30 AM

Join us for our next two Business to Business meetings on Tuesday, June 10 and Tuesday July 8, both at 7:30 AM in the Kolbo room. First-timers are most welcome.

Our April meeting on April 8 included a presentation from Joy Danzig about her business N'JoyBread. Making and baking lots of delicious breads and goodies for clients and special events is her business. Joy is very knowledgeable about specialty flours and the health benefits of choosing specific ingredients. She also experiments to learn more about her craft. Joy comes from a long line of bakers through her Grandmother and considers it a gift to carry on the family tradition. We also heard from Marcy Pluznick-Marrin regarding the Directory project for the CST, which B2B@CST plans to support wholeheartedly.

Our May meeting featured Sam Rose from Free2Move Chiropractic. June's speaker will be Albert Handelman from Spaulding, McCullough & Tansil LLP and July's speaker will be Odalis Medianero of New York Life.

If you plan to come, please bring lots of business cards. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming meetings.



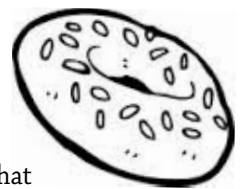
Special Bagel Club June Meeting

Sunday June 1 - 9:00 AM

To celebrate the end of this season's Bagel Club we will be having a special meeting on Sunday, June 1, at 9 AM with a special discussion that everyone in Shomrei Torah will find most interesting. Details will be coming out both in a special Email and in the Chai Lites. To make the meeting even more special, several special dishes will be served in addition to the normal bagel, cream cheese and lox, so be sure to put the Bagel Club on your calendar.

At the last Men's Bagel Club meeting we learned about the SMART Train that in about two years will take us all the way to the Larkspur Landing. Those attending heard about the history of passenger railroads in the North Bay as well as plans for the future. The Men's Bagel Club also sponsored and prepared the meal at the Congregation Fair meeting along with the Environmental Action Committee.

In July and August, the Bagel Club honors the hole in the middle of the Bagel by not having meetings for those two months. We shall return with another year on exciting programs and good Jewish breakfasts in September.



Shabbat Service Highlighting Jewish Community Free Clinic

Friday June 20 – 6:15 PM



Shalom and Best Regards,

We would like to share the wonderful news that the Jewish Community Free Clinic (JCFC) has received the generous donation of a stand-alone medical building. The Clinic will be opening at the new location on June 23rd. Local synagogues in the community, in a show of support for the valuable work that the JCFC provides to those in need, will celebrate the spirit of tzedakah and the joy of tikkun olam during this special Shabbat weekend June 20th-22nd. The synagogues in the county will be honoring the JCFC by focusing on Judaism and Healing at their Shabbat services that weekend. It is a chance for Jews across the county to learn about the Clinic and to see how its work fits into our Jewish healing tradition. We hope you will congregate with us to learn about the ongoing needs of the uninsured and the essential services provided by our Clinic.

Shomrei Torah	Santa Rosa	Friday evening June 20th beginning at 6:15 pm
Ner Shalom	Cotati	Friday evening June 20th beginning at 7:00 pm
Beth Ami	Santa Rosa	Saturday morning June 21st beginning at 9:30 am
B'nai Israel	Petaluma	Saturday morning June 21st beginning at 9:45 am
Chabad	Santa Rosa	Saturday morning June 21st beginning at 10:00 am

We would also like you to join us and other JCFC supporters June 22nd at the new Clinic, 50 Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa, to put up our Mezuzah. Come at 11 AM for tea and coffee cake, as we come together as a community to attach our Mezuzah to the front door and celebrate our new beginnings. Following the Mezuzah ceremony, the JCFC will be tabling at Simcha Sunday to round out the weekend.

Good health to all!

Rabbi George Gittlemen, Shomrei Torah
Reb Irwin Keller, Ner Shalom
Rabbi Mordecai Miller, Beth Ami
Rabbi Ted Feldman, B'Nai Israel
Rabbi Mendel Wolvovsky, Chabad
Donna Waldman, JCFC Executive Director



Site of the New Jewish Community free Clinic (JCFC) opening June 23rd.

Love, Fear & Revelation: The Journey of the Jewish Spirit

A traditional night of
untraditional learning!

Tuesday June 3 – 7:00 PM – 2:00 AM

At Congregation Beth Ami, 4676 Mayette in Santa Rosa



LOVE



FEAR



Revelation

Shavuot is our night of Revelation - when we received Torah - a gift given with great love, amidst much trembling. Join Sonoma County rabbis and teachers as we explore ways in which we continue to receive Torah, and the mix of fear and love that impel all of our spiritual journeys.

Delicious dairy treats will be served. Childcare available until 10 PM. Formal study sessions run until 2 AM, after which informal study will continue for as long as teachers and students can hold out. This is a scent-free, chem-free event. Please be mindful of your products so everyone can attend.

Sponsored by:

B'nai Israel Jewish Center
Congregation Beth Ami
Congregation Ner Shalom
Congregation Shomrei Torah
Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County

Women's Retreat

October 24-26

Save the date for our biennial Shomrei Torah Women's Retreat. Please join us for a weekend of community, music, spiritual exploration and relaxation! This year our weekend retreat will be held at the beautiful Mountain Home Ranch in nearby Calistoga on October 24-26, 2014. The ranch sits on 340 acres and has 5 miles of hiking trails on the property. If you don't feel like driving once you arrive, you will have everything on site that you could want. If a spa day is what you have in mind, then the mud baths of Calistoga are only about 15 minutes away. Mark your calendars so you won't miss this wonderful weekend retreat. More details are forthcoming, but the change in venue means a lower price point and a closer location.



Rosh Chodesh

Shomrei Torah women: Please join us for our monthly gatherings for sisterhood, learning, contemplation, and fun. The meetings are held at Shomrei Torah, classroom Bet, between 7 and 9 PM. All are welcome, whether you've come before or not.



Saturday, June 7—Having just celebrated Shavuot, we will study teachings related to the Book of Ruth: paragon of loyalty, who took on Judaism by choice, and foremother of King David. Alissa will facilitate.

For more info, please contact the CST office.

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"Spiritual Healing & Transformation" Berkeley Activist Looks at American Society August 8 at Rabbi Robinson Memorial Lecture

If someone went to Central Casting looking for the "perfect" rabbi activist to honor Rabbi Michael Robinson's legacy, they couldn't find a better fit than Rabbi Michael Lerner who founded his own Congregation, Beyt Tikkun in Berkeley.



He will speak at the 8th annual Rabbi Robinson Memorial Lecture at 6:15 PM at a Rabbi's Tisch. His speech is entitled: "A Spiritual Transformation and Healing of American Society, Politics and Economy."

Lerner's bio reads like a compilation of all the important activism in the 20th & 21st Centuries. Consider this: 1964 Free Speech Movement, Students for a Democratic Society, worked with Martin Luther King Jr., militant but non-violent demonstrations of the Vietnam War and in support of Black Liberation, went to prison as one of the Seattle Seven. He earned a PhD in Philosophy from Cal, and later a PhD in Psychology. He created Tikkun Magazine in 1986, whose mission is to heal, repair and transform the world.

Rabbi Lerner studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary, was a disciple and protégé of Abraham Joshua Heschel, and decades later received rabbinical ordination in 1995 from Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi. He founded Beyt Tikkun synagogue-without-walls in San Francisco and Berkeley and currently teaches Torah, leads Shabbat celebrations and conducts High Holiday services in Berkeley. Rabbi Lerner is author of two national best sellers: *The Left Hand of God: Taking Back our Country from the Religious Right*, and also *Jewish Renewal: A Path to Healing and Transformation*.

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Helping Our Aging Community Live Safely

Congregation Shomrei Torah Lunch and Learn*

2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, 95404

Wednesday August 20, 2014

12:00-1:30 pm

**Feel free to bring your own lunch, as a meal will not be provided.*

Presented by:

Diana Klein , MFT
Regional Director
Jewish Family and Children's Services

Rebecca Paul, Attorney
Director of Fiduciary Services
Jewish Family and Children's Services

Who should attend?

- Adult family members of any age who serve as caregivers to older relatives
- Professionals who work with a senior population
- Volunteers who work with seniors
- Caring neighbors and friends
- Synagogue Caring committees and members who do outreach to seniors
- Any concerned community member interested in senior well-being
- Those who anticipate future caregiving roles for themselves

Topics covered will teach how to address a variety of issues:

- Mail/email/phone scams: How can you spot a scam and what do you do about it?
- Physical maltreatment or abuse: When should you worry?
- Emotional abuse: Are you noticing behavior changes? Is it depression or dementia? Is it caused by others?
- Financial abuse—recognizing the signs: Are there unexplained withdrawals from bank accounts or sudden changes to wills?
- Mandated reporting: Who is a mandated reporter? Who can report? Who do you call?
- Home safety: Can the senior navigate their home and surroundings safely?
- Substance use/abuse: How can you tell if alcohol, drugs or medications are problems?

Reserve your space today!

Contact: Denise Harrison at
denise@shomreitorah.org
or call 707-578-5519 by no later
than Thursday August 14, 2014.

Cost: There is not cost for this program, but
reservations must be made in advance.

Holy Fire

One of the beauties of Jewish life is the fact that we are connected to a tradition that goes back over 3,000 years. The classic example of this for me is the ner tamid, the eternal light.

The original ner tamid was a seven-branch menorah that was lit from evening to morning inside the portable sanctuary the Israelites used in their wanderings in the wilderness. The ner tamid was literally a beacon of light in the dark (remember, there were no street lights back then!) and its primary purpose was to reassure the people of God's presence—that Y-H-V-H was still with them.

How do we know that God is with us? At our darkest moments, where do we turn for comfort and reassurance that everything is going to be okay?

For the past few months I've been studying a very moving text called Esh Kodesh with two Conservative colleagues of mine that I met through the Shalom-Hartman Institute. Esh Kodesh is the writing of the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto, Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira. His story and his words are as touching and heartbreaking as you would imagine. He survived in the Ghetto for three years. We don't know exactly how he perished but he apparently saw his death coming and buried his writings – some from before the war and the rest he actually wrote while in the Ghetto – in the hopes that they would later



be found and published, which they were. This is part of the cover letter he wrote for his treasure trove of personal manuscripts:

"Now that our lives are imperiled every day... I make the following request that... with God's help, the manuscripts... reach you and you consent to publish them. Please also make efforts to

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assure their wide distribution among the Jewish public... May God have compassion upon us...I can write no more. May God have mercy and allow us to live along with the remnant of Israel...These are the words of your brother...

who is broken and crushed from my own sorrows and the sorrow of all Israel, which are as profound as the great deep and as exalted as the highest heavens; who awaits God's salvation, which comes in a blink of the eye."

Why do I mention Esh Kodesh in relation to the ner tamid?

It's that image of the mishkan, set apart in the dark yet aglow with the flame of the seven-branched menorah that connects the two for me; that image and the need for reassurance that it reflects.

When we think of the Shoah we always associate it with God's eclipse: the reason above all others that we – the Jewish people – struggle so with belief in God, as if to say, as some have, that God died in the camps along with everyone else. Yet, reading a book like Esh Kodesh – Holy Fire – has shed a different light on this painful subject, at least for me. I wonder if we've been looking in the wrong places for reassurance that God is real and that our lives have meaning. We expect proof of God in our good circumstances and lose faith when things fall apart. But it is precisely when things fall apart that we need God. Suffering is an unavoidable part of the human condition. How can God be absent in our suffering?

Esh Kodesh is a shining example – a flame in the night – of how one can seek God and find God in the dark. Abraham Joshua Heschel has said that there are no proofs for the existence of God, only witnesses. Esh Kodesh is such a witness.

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The Israelites learned quickly that even the memory of miracles fade fast; before you know it those old fears and prejudices come right back to haunt you. They lost faith, built a golden calf, and then suffered the consequences of trying to make something of ultimate concern that was not of ultimate value. In the end they realized there was nowhere to hide; there was darkness all around. If God was real, they would have to realize that themselves; the seas would not split every day. Someday even the manna would stop falling. Someday it would be just them and what faith they could muster.

That faith they would have to carry in their hearts. It was the nights that were especially hard, so, as a reminder and a comfort, they would light a fire that would burn through the night so that if they got scared, or needed reassurance, they could seek it out and be reassured.

That light that they first kindled still burns today, in our hearts and in our synagogues. We need only to recognize it for what it is – Esh Kodesh/Holy Fire.

B'shalom,
George

The Year of Engagement

Shomrei Torah's fiscal year is coming to an end and this is the time when we ask our membership to renew their commitment to Shomrei Torah for another year. As a congregation we strived to be more connected and to provide a wide-variety of interesting, spiritual, educational, and just plain fun activities that would inspire and involve our membership. Our clergy team of Rabbi George, Rabbi Kramer, and Cantor David has been incredible leading and teaching us beautifully. The work they do extends beyond Shomrei Torah and they proudly represent us in our community and beyond. The CST staff keeps us running smoothly and they have been stretched as we asked them to take on more and more as new programs and activities were added to the calendar. A big thank you to Patty Foss, Denise Harrison, Rich Sleeper and Mark Travis. Shomrei Torah has been able to operate with a small staff (relative to our size) because of the hundreds of volunteers who are actively engaged. Through the leadership and dedication of our congregants, CST thrived in 2013-14. In the

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new fiscal year, it is our goal to make 2014-15 the Year of Engagement. A newly revamped Membership Committee and many volunteers will be working to bring new activities that will enhance the experience of our current members, be welcoming and inviting to prospective new members, and to conduct outreach with the larger Jewish community. I am excited for another fantastic year and look forward to engaging with you.

B'shalom,
Rachael

LEGACY NEWS

Meet Legacy Circle Members Dina and Tom Bray



Dina was born in England and raised in Israel. Following her 2 years in the Israeli army, she came to the U.S. Tom was born and raised in Boise, Idaho. They met in San Francisco in 1969 where they married and where their daughter, Tali, and son, Sage, were born. Then they lived in London for three years after which they moved to Boise where they settled down for thirty years.

Dina was an educator. Tom was a sculptor/educator. In May 2009, they moved to Santa Rosa (Northern California has always felt like home, and both their children and families live in the Bay Area)

Dina and Tom state, "Because we are not religious, we did not immediately join CST. It took us almost two years to realize that CST truly welcomes a variety of people with varying connections to Judaism. We thank Denise Harrison for helping us feel comfortable in our initial exploration. We found that CST indeed offers opportunities for engagement through many religious, traditional, and cultural services and programs. For us, the connection comes primarily through the Rabbi's Tisch, Lifelong Learning programs, Chavurah, and celebration of the holidays."



discussing our many reasons for joining the Legacy Circle, we realized that we could sum them up in one sentence (which we shared with Irv Rothenberg when we joined): We want to ensure the perpetuation of Jewish values which, when practiced, result in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world)."

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"We hope that Congregation Shomrei Torah will continue to grow and be welcoming and relevant to religious and non-religious Jews, interfaith families, all ethnicities, GLBT folks ---- to all people who are connected to Judaism. After

Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

Mayim L'Chaim! Water is Life!

Water wisely! The drought persists, and every drop counts! When conserving water, small adjustments can have a big impact.



Outdoor tips for the yard:

- **Group plants with the same water needs together to avoid overwatering some while underwatering others**
- **Reduce the amount of lawn in your yard by planting shrubs and ground covers appropriate to your site and region**
- **Plant in the spring or fall when watering requirements are lower**
- **Leave lower branches on trees and shrubs and allow leaf litter to accumulate on the soil which keeps soil cooler and reduces evaporation**
- **Consider xeriscaping your yard, a method of conserving water through creative landscaping**

www.earththeasy.com/grow_xeriscape.htm

www.earththeasy.com/live_water_saving.htm

JCC Chaverim News

Check out the NEW easy re-registration for the 2014-15 school year. No paper forms to fill out!

For our continuing 8th to 11th graders....Visit the JCC website at jccsoco.org under the TEEN tab and click on the Easy Re-registration form.

Incoming 8th graders----- your forms are online as well. Stay tuned for an email and a letter coming soon.

If you were once in Chaverim or new to Chaverim, and would like to hop on-board, you are always welcome to be part of this program.

Exciting addition:

Next year we are introducing a pilot "Virtual Chaverim Class" for those students who live in the outer corners of Sonoma County. We will meet through an "on-line classroom" in the fall. If you know of anyone who logistically cannot come, call Director Rick Concoff of JCCSOCO at 707-823-3916 for further info.

Thanks and Shalom.

Rick Concoff, JCCSOCO Chaverim Teen Director
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Cost of Rabbis' Tisch Meal Rising

As those who have attended one already know, the Rabbis' Tisch has been a major success, attracting not only larger numbers than is typical for an Erev Shabbat service, but drawing some who tend not to come to more traditional services. For those who don't know, the Tisch is an alternative Shabbat service that centers on a particular topic -- often presented by a learned guest speaker who explores in detail some aspect of Jewish tradition and experience. The evening includes a catered Shabbat dinner, a few prayers before and after, and a lively discussion.

For the first year, the cost of the catered meal was generously subsidized by a major donation -- funds that will not be available for this purpose in the coming fiscal year starting July 1. Therefore, the requested donation beginning July 11 will increase to \$18 per person to cover the actual cost of the catered meal, plus to help those for whom the actual cost will be a hardship. Of course, no one will be turned away due to an inability to pay. You are always welcome to attend and contribute what you can. Should you be inspired to sponsor a Rabbis' Tisch, the synagogue will happily accept donations in any amount earmarked for this purpose. The Rabbis' Tisch is at 6:15 PM on the second Friday of the month. Reservations are requested but not required.

JCC's Jewish Cultural Festival

Simcha Sunday

Sunday, June 22 - Noon

Join us at Simcha Sunday, Sonoma County's Festival Of All Things Jewish, organized by the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County to bring together and showcase the rich and varied aspects of Jewish life in Sonoma County, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building (inside and outside, where the Farmers Market is held).

It's back again this year-better than ever. There's something for everyone: vendors, artists, an action-packed kids zone, community resource tables, live music, performance art and of course, lots of Jewish food. By the way, Leira Satlof will be there, making her delicious Mediterranean food for YOU!

Information on the event (including having a table as a vendor or artist), is on the Special Events tab on the home page of the JCC, Sonoma County website, jccsoco.org. Contact Karen Gould at kareng@jccsoco.org or call 528-4222 for more information.

Everyone Is Welcome!

Walk To End Genocide

Sunday, April 27



Jake Matalon and Noah Bacon leading the Walk



People gathered for the beginning of the Walk



Marching on Santa Rosa streets

A letter from Jewish World Watch:

Dear Santa Rosa Walkers, Supporters and Activists,

What a day! Just shy of 300 Walkers raised over \$13,000 at this year's Santa Rosa Walk to End Genocide.

On behalf of all of us at JWW, I send my thanks to everyone in the community that made this event possible:

- Walk organizers Jake Matalon and Noah Bacon - who have given this event new life since Gabe and Nancy Ferrick passed the baton; Larry Carlin, Shirley Lieberman, Madeleine Rose and all the Social Action Committee and the Rwanda School Project whose participation helped elevate the event;
- The 50 volunteers, including crossing guards, kitchen help, registration, kid's activities volunteers, greeters, and cookie bakers, who gave so generously of their time and energy;
- Custodian Richard Sleeper for all of his tireless help;
- Face painters Samantha Makinano and Emma Ethington for their creativity;
- New York Bagels, Pacific Market and Costco for their donations;
- Everyone who contributed to the program including Vice Mayor of Santa Rosa Robin Swinth, who presented a proclamation declaring April 27, Genocide Awareness Day in Santa Rosa; Rabbi Stephanie Kramer, who spoke about the connection between the Walk and Yom HaShoah and led a moment of silence; and CST Board President Rachael Cutcher, who welcomed everyone;
- Phyllis Nesbitt and Marcy Pluznick-Marrin who chronicled the event with their photographs; and
- Each of you who walked, fundraised, donated and spread the word about what we can all do together to change the world.

While the Walk is over, our work is not yet done. The Walk website will be open for donations through May at <http://walktoendgenocide2014.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1094008>. Please tell your family and friends that it is not too late to change a life, one step at a time.

With so much appreciation,

Amy Friedman Cecil

Walk & Community Development Director

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SHORTY

The 2013-2014 academic year has been an incredible year of growth and success for SHORTY. To start off our year, we attended Fallinter, a regional NFTY event in Sacramento. Following this retreat, we hosted our own Hanukkah movie night. In the winter, we attended West Coast Party at URJ Camp Newman and saw Fiddler on the Roof at Sonoma State. During the spring, we played broomball at Snoopy's Home Ice, went to Spring Conclave, participated in the Walk to End Genocide, and attended Gesher Kallah.

Our last event of the year will be an election dinner for the 2014-2015 year. This event will take place on June 1st at 6:00 PM. The SHORTY Board has decided to make this a "formal" event. Available positions from this past year include: President, Religious/Cultural VP, Social Action VP, Communications VP, Secretary and Treasurer. This year, we will be adding four new positions to the SHORTY Board: 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade representatives. 9th graders (current 8th graders) are eligible for all positions on the SHORTY Board. Please RSVP for the election dinner to bbinder@urjcamps.org.

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Come to Camp Chai with Director Rick Concoff! Session I: June 16-20 ★ Session II: June 23-27

Where kids create positive identities, friendships & memories with a focus on mindfulness, inclusion, and a progressive approach to living an ethical life.
*recreational swim • camp sing-alongs • arts and crafts • storytelling
folk dance • traditional outdoor play*



For campers entering K - 9th grade
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm
Meets at the large gazebo area at
Finley Community Park
2060 West College Avenue, SR



Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County
To register and for more information:
707/528-2549 | www.jccsoco.org

Tot Shabbat

Saturday May 17 – 9:30 AM

Dear Families,

Special thanks to Cantor David who led us in song at our March Tot Shabbat. Rabbi Kramer did an interactive Pesach teaching around the Haggadah which was informative and very enjoyable. Our children's comments about Passover graced all of us with humor and deeper insight into the holiday.

So many thanks to Lacey Fichera, our tot liaison whose supreme creativity led to the gorgeous Afikomen covers for our art activity. Looking forward to seeing you at our next Tot Shabbats on Friday June 20 at 5:00 PM and Saturday July 12 at 9:30am.

Blessings & Love,
Tot Shabbat Lauren



Babies & Bagels

Babies and Bagels began two years ago with a few families coming together for bagels, play time and great conversations. Over the past two years the Babies and Bagels program has seen a lot of growth with more and more families participating each month. Lasting friendships have been made and a community of families has been built. We look forward to continuing to expand the program to include many more families.

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! June and July dates TBD. Please contact the CST office for more information.



Bar Mitzvah

Cole Levy

June 14, 2014 – Sivan 16, 5774

Please join us in celebration as our son, Cole Jose' Levy becomes a Bar Mitzvah on June 14, 2014. All are welcome for Kiddush luncheon following.

Laurie and Derek Levy

Bar Mitzvah

James Post

June 28, 2014 – Sivan 30, 5774

We would be honored to have you join us as our son James is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

Sharon and Dan Post



B'nei Mitzvah

Natalie & Benjamin Lasker

July 19, 2014 – Tamuz 21, 5774

Please join us in the celebration as our daughter, Natalie Rebecca, and son, Benjamin Harris, become a B'nei Mitzvah. Kiddush luncheon to follow.

Deborah and Howard Lasker

Bar Mitzvah

Evan Spanier

July 26, 2014 – Tamuz 28, 5774

Join us in celebration as Evan becomes a Bar Mitzvah.

Christine and Larry Spanier



SCTribe

In 2011, Rabbi Stephanie Kramer of Congregation Shomrei Torah and Beth Goodman, director of the Sonoma County Jewish Community Center, saw that there was a gap in the Jewish community. Although there are many wonderful and fun programs offered to Jews in the area, there was nothing for young adults in their twenties and thirties. They came up with the idea of the Sonoma County Tribe and started looking for funding, applying to grants and looking toward the community for help. With grants from the Jewish Community Federation, the Sonoma County Tribe would soon become a reality.

The Tribe has undergone some morphing through the years, from a small group that met only occasionally to a bustling crowd with two events a month. One event is always a family-style potluck Shabbat dinner hosted at someone's house. These events are always fun with eating, relaxing, and plenty of schmoozing and laughter. The other monthly event is ever-changing. Events range from BBQ's and bonfires for Lag B'Omer, to Ice Cream and Movie nights for Shavuot, beer tasting at a local pub, to traveling down to Oakland to see an A's game on Jewish Heritage Night.

The tribe events are free of charge and open to any Jewish young adults affiliated or not. The group is warm and welcoming and loves to meet new people.

This group has really built a community for this demographic. Everyone looks forward to the events and seeing each other. So many friendships have formed as a result of this group. This group has also afforded many who may not have had much of a Jewish connection in their lives otherwise to be a part of the Jewish community. SC Tribe has clearly had an effect on so many. As one member, Sarah Gold, puts it, "I've definitely met some great people through SC Tribe, and I feel much more engaged in the local Jewish community because of it. Meeting other Jews my own age has given me a positive social experience I haven't had before." Another member, Katie Levy, writes "I feel so tremendously grateful to be a part of the SC tribe. I feel a sense of belonging and trust at every event I have attended and think of all the members as lifelong friends!"

If you would like to be a part of Sonoma County Tribe or know someone who you think the Tribe should reach out to please e-mail SC Tribe's coordinator, Ilana Stoelting, at sonomacountytribe@gmail.com.



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Thank You Message from Fran Posner

The diagnosis of breast cancer was a knock out punch, but thanks to so many of you who sent cards, e-mails, messages, made food and visits, I felt the power of hundreds of hands pulling me up and propelling me forward.

It is with deep gratitude that I thank all of you who have wished me health, said prayers and sang songs of healing. It worked!

I appreciate all of you, and am honored to be a part of this vibrant and caring Shomrei community with you all.

B'shalom,
Fran Posne

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on April 10, 2014 and took the following actions:

- Discussed and approved the proposed congregational budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year
- Approved a slate of eleven new and returning members for the congregation's Board of Directors
- Approved 2 new families for membership

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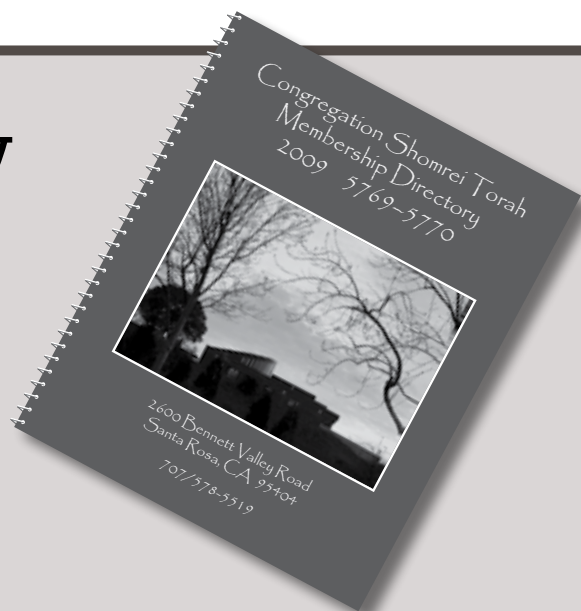
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JUNE SERVICES

Friday, June 6

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service – 6th Grade Family

Saturday, June 7

Weekly Torah portion: Beha'alotcha, Num. 8:1–12:16

8:45 am - Torah Study led by Perry Angle

10:30 am - Shabbat Service

Friday, June 13

6:15 pm, Rabbi's Tisch – Maya Brodkey

Saturday, June 14

Weekly Torah portion: Sh'lach, Num. 13:1–15:41

8:45 am - Torah Study led by Meredith Cahn

10:30 am - Bar Mitzvah of Cole Levy

Friday, June 20

5:00 pm - Tot Shabbat

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service Highlighting

Jewish Community Free Clinic

Saturday, June 21

Weekly Torah portion: Korach, Num. 16:1–18:32

8:45 am - Torah Study led by Rabbi George

10:30 am - Shabbat Service

Friday, June 27

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 28

Weekly Torah portion: Chukat, Num. 19:1–22:1

8:45 am - Torah Study led by Cantor David Frommer

10:30 am - Bar Mitzvah of James Post

JULY SERVICES

Friday, July 4

8:00 pm, Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 5

Weekly Torah portion: Balak, Num. 22:2–25:9

8:45 am - Torah Study led by Perry Angle

10:30 am - Shabbat Service

Friday, July 11

6:15 pm - Rabbi's Tisch

Saturday, July 12

Weekly Torah portion: Pinchas, Num. 25:10–30:1

8:45 am - Torah Study led by Alissa Flores

9:30 am - Tot Shabbat

10:30 am - Shabbat Service

Friday, July 18

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 19

Weekly Torah portion: Matot, Num. 30:2–32:42

8:45 am - Torah Study led by Rabbi George

10:30 am - B'nei Mitzvah of Natalie and Benjamin Lasker

Friday, July 25

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 26

Weekly Torah portion: Masei, Num. 33:1–36:13

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Rabbi George

10:30 am - Bar Mitzvah of Evan Spanier

See our latest calendar at www.shomreitorah.org/calendar

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.