



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. A place at the table

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is waiting for you. \$30 per adult; \$18 children 12 and under; and free for children under four. Reservations required – call 707-578-5519 or reserve online at www.cstsr.org.

Rabbi's Tisch CST Clergy, "Preparing for Pesach"

Friday, March 13 – 6:15 PM

CST Clergy will lead us in our preparation for celebrating the Exodus from Egypt through our Passover experience. Bring your favorite version of charoset to this Tisch for a tasting contest with many awards.

The Rabbis' 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. Don't miss these wonderful experiences. Please RSVP to

Denise in our office at 707-578-5519 or denise@cstsr.org.



Raise Your Mask – It's Purim

Wednesday, March 4 – 6:15 PM

Mix the excitement of New Year's with the costumes of Halloween, add a splash of religion... and you get Purim! Considered one of the happiest days on the Jewish calendar, the holiday celebration will begin on Wednesday, March 4, at 6:15 PM. This year, be prepared to

"Leave your Arabian nights behind and join us for a magic carpet ride into a whole new world of Purim!"



enjoy an evening of laughs and noshes as CST observes Purim – Aladdin style!

Purim is celebrated with a public reading of the Book of Esther, which tells the story of the overturning of a decree issued against the Jewish people

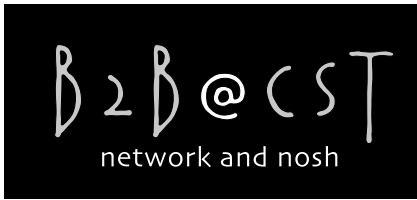
of Persia. Our reading of the megillah will be a rowdy affair! Remember – wearing costumes and bringing noisemakers is highly encouraged.

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Business To Business

Tuesday, March 10 – 7:30 AM

Want to join with other small-business owners here at CST for networking and coffee? Then you are invited to the next B2B@CST meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 AM 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 February speaker was Irv Rothenberg of Buckingham Asset Management. Our March speaker will be a surprise guest.

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.

Rosh Chodesh

Saturdays, March 21

April 18 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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

Upcoming dates:

Saturday, March 21 – Engage your playfulness in a creative project for Purim.

Saturday, April 18 – Learn spiritual practices for counting the Omer – the days between Passover and Shavuot.

Bay Area Community Jewish Philosophy Circle “The Eight Chapters”

Wednesdays, March 18 and 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. The class is taught by Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan, who is the Senior Educator at Lehrhaus Judaica. He previously served Congregation Emanu-El of San Francisco as Rabbi and educator for 20 years. Register at lehrhaus.org.

Share Shabbat with Congregation Beth Ami

Friday, March 28 – 6:15 PM at CST

Saturday, March 29 – 9:30 AM at Congregation Beth Ami

“Hiney Mah Tuv Umanayim Shevet Achim Gam Yachad/How Good It Is When Brothers and Sisters Come Together.”

Please help us welcome members of Congregation Beth Ami at Services, Friday, March 27, and then join us on the morning of March 28 at Shabbat Morning Services at Congregation Beth Ami.

Friday night at Shomrei Torah begins as usual at 6:15. Shabbat Morning at Congregation Beth Ami begins at 9:30. (Folks are welcome to come as late as 10:00 AM.)

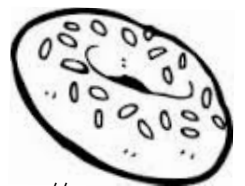
Please note that we will not have Torah Study or Shabbat Morning Services at Shomrei Torah on Saturday, March 28.

Special Men's Bagel Club Breakfast and Deli Talk

Deli Food and Pastrami by local chefs to be featured

Sunday, March 1 – 9:00 AM

For our March meeting, the Bagel Club will serve a special deli breakfast prepared by Les and Tara Goodman. Les and Tara are two young chefs who run a Jewish-style catering company, <http://adafinaculinary.com>, and serve deli food, including great corned beef and pastrami. They can be found on Sundays in the warm months at the West End Farmer's Market (Donahue St between 8th & 9th Streets in SR). They will also tell us about the life of a Jewish chef and the techniques of new age deli food preparation, while we feast on a deli-style breakfast they cook for us, which will include a taste of their own cured pastrami. They plan to open a full-time deli soon to share their scrumptious offerings with the public.



For this special occasion and catered meal, pre-registration with \$15 payment in advance is required. You can reserve your spot by calling Denise in the CST office at 578-5519. As usual, and in honor of Walter Kuttner, ladies are welcome at the Shomrei Torah Men's Bagel Club. Come and join us for this special event. Reservations are limited, so please call Denise now.

SAC Goes to the Movies

Saturday, March 21 – 7:00 PM

Provocative “Meeting With a Killer” Concludes Restorative Justice Film Series

Can you possibly imagine meeting face-to-face with someone who killed a member of your family? That’s what Linda White did after her adult daughter was murdered by two 15-year-old boys in 1986. It changed her life, and put a brand-new face on the concept of restorative justice. She proceeded to earn degrees in psychology and took her insights into prisons, becoming an anti-death-penalty activist.

Following the movie will be a panel discussion of experts on the subject. The panel will include Robert “Red” Frye and Leonard Rubio. “Red” is a returning citizen after almost 25 years of incarceration in San Quentin. He considers himself an agent of change. While inside, he earned a liberal arts degree, and studied to be a drug and alcohol counselor, as well as a violence prevention counselor. He worked extensively with at-risk youth from the community and was instrumental in helping shape the Restorative Justice movement inside San Quentin.

Panelist Leonard Rubio spent 23 years at San Quentin. He created the “Responsibility, Rehabilitation & Restoration Interfaith Roundtable” in SQ. Since his release, he subsequently earned degrees in Finance and in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. A third panelist will come from the Insight Prison Project (IPP)- a non-profit that works with incarcerated men and women using restorative justice practices.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations to support the film series are encouraged.

Shomrei Torah’s Social Action Committee is the sponsor. Co-sponsors are Restorative Resources; Christ Church United Methodist; Advocates for Social Justice, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Rosa; First Congregational United Church of Christ; the Alternatives to Violence Project; and Redwood Forest Friends Meeting.

Tickets Available - Performance Series Continues in March

If you’ve missed the first two events of the CST Performance Series, you may have heard what wonderful events they were. Buy your tickets now for the remaining two performances. Quality entertainment, live on our very own stage. Go to www.cstsr.org to purchase online, or call the office, 707-578-5519. The cost per performance is \$36 for adults and \$18 for youth 18 years and under.

Dueling Cantors: David Frommer and Josh Breitzer

Saturday, March 28, 2015 – 7:30 PM

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.

Adult B’nei Mitzvah Class

Tuesday, March 10 - 7:30 PM

Curious about what is involved in having an adult B’nei Mitzvah? Interested in exploring what such an experience might mean to you? This one-session workshop led by Rabbi George is for you. No previous knowledge is necessary and all are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to denise@cstsr.org or call the office at 707-578-5519.

Environmental Action Committee – Community Involvement Days

Saturday, March 7 & Thursdays, March 12 and 26

As many of you know, the Environmental Action Committee has been sponsoring an annual Community Involvement Day for the past seven years: five times at the Santa Rosa Creek and twice at the Laguna Wetlands Preserve, where we decided to work the creek on alternate years. This year we’re trying something new, featuring two organizations, Pepperwood Preserve and the Sonoma Ecology Center. Both have scheduled volunteer days, which are open to the public.

These two organizations, in addition to organizing the projects that maintain their properties, also offer walks and other public educational opportunities. Pepperwood Preserve (app.pepperwoodpreserve.org/pls/apex/f?p=514:2:6242966987023) has a regularly scheduled volunteer day on the first Saturday (March 7) of each month, and Sonoma Ecology Center (www.sonomaecologycenter.org/calendar/action~month/exact_date~1425211077/request_format~html/), has twice-a-month Thursday workdays (March 12 and 26).

Do a March Mitzvah and sign up for one of these organization’s volunteer opportunities. And when you do, please contact CSTEnvironmentalAction@gmail.com to let us know of your intention to volunteer. We hope to see you there.

The goal of the Community Involvement Day has always been to encourage CST members to volunteer regularly during the year, not just during our annual CST event. Throughout the year, check www.cstsr.org/community/environmental-action/ to find new environmental projects for the practice of tikkun olam within Sonoma County. Todah rabah!



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-**

☐ 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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Yom Hashoah Commemoration Jewish World Watch Co-Founder Will Speak

Wednesday, April 15 – 6:15 PM

How many middle-aged Jewish women do you know who would confront a Congolese warlord about the exploitation of children in his mine? Join us on Wednesday, April 15, at CST's annual Yom Hashoah (YH) observance to meet Janice Kamenir-Reznik, president and co-founder of Jewish World Watch. She did, in fact, stand up to that warlord and has done much more in the fight against genocide and mass atrocities.

Janice retired from the active practice of law in 2004 to establish Jewish World Watch (JWW), jointly founded with the late Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis to be the Jewish response to genocide and mass atrocities. A key project of JWW is the annual Walk to End Genocide, which takes place this year on April 26, 11 days after our Yom Hashoah event. This will be the sixth year Shomrei Torah has participated in the walk.

A highlight of the Yom Hashoah commemoration, which takes place on the actual Day of Remembrance this year, is the candle lighting. It includes survivors or children of survivors of the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust plus other Holocaust candle lighters, representing the LGBTQ community, Roma/Gypsy, Disabled, Political Prisoners, and Righteous Gentiles. In addition, the annual event will pay homage to other genocides with candle lighters for Native America, Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda and Darfur. Special music from the Holocaust will be presented.

The Yom Hashoah Commemoration is a project of the CST's Social Action Committee. Refreshments will be served. The event is open to the community.



Janice Kamenir-Reznik in the Congo

Sonoma County Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Saturday, April 19 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

The 2015 annual Sonoma County Yom Hashoah ve-Hagevurah Commemoration will be held on Sunday, April 19, at the Friedman Center.

This year's theme is taken from the word gevurah in the title, officially translated as "heroes." We will expand the

meaning to include all the countless forms of heroism, both active and inner. For more information, contact the JCC.



Two-Mile Walk Benefiting Jewish World Watch (begins and ends at CST)

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee of
Congregation Shomrei Torah

Sunday, April 26th

Registration begins at 8:00 am; event begins at 9:00

All Ages Invited!

On Sunday, April 26, please join your Congregation Shomrei Torah family as we put our words into action and walk together in support of helping those suffering because of genocide. \$1,750,000 has been raised over six years for Jewish World Watch to provide vital resources for so many who have endured terrible atrocities. The Walk will continue for its 7th Year! Co-chairs Noah Bacon and Jake Matalon, in cooperation with CST's Social Action Committee, will lead our community as we support this important cause! Together we can continue to make a difference.

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

You can register and make a donation at www.WalktoEndGenocide.org

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Interested in volunteering? Baking cookies, recruiting, assisting with registration – there are many opportunities to help!

Or if you have any questions: Please contact the CST office or email Jake and Noah at WalktoEndGenocideSR@gmail.com

This will be Noah and Jake's last year chairing this event. We are looking for interested families or organizations who would like to see this walk continue. Please email above for more information.

Religions and Environmental Healing

Rabbi George's remarks at the recent forum on Climate Change and Overpopulation at Shomrei Torah

I'd like to address three issues related to our environmental crisis. First is the notion that Western religion, sometimes referred to as "the Judeo-Christian Ethic," is a root cause of the abuse and degradation of our environment. Second, I'll share a brief overview of Jewish sources of environmental awareness, and third, look at the road blocks to a total mobilization of the Jewish community toward a *tikkun*, a repair of the environment.

From the emergence of the environmental movement to the present, prominent leaders in the movement have asserted that religion, rather than being an ally in the cause of environmental healing and renewal, is in fact part of the problem. The historian Lynn White, Jr., first made this argument in a 1966 lecture before the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. There he contended that "Western Christianity, having de-sacralized and instrumentalized nature to human ends, bears a substantial burden of guilt for the contemporary environmental crisis." White suggested that "what people do about their ecology depends on what they think about themselves in relation to things in their environment."



Citing the first Genesis creation story where Adam is given dominion over all the creatures of the earth, he argued that the anthropocentric Judeo-Christian theology that evolved from that world view ultimately led to the exploitation of the natural world. Is White correct? Is the Judeo-Christian religious ethos part of the problem rather than the solution? Yes and no. Yes, inasmuch as Western religion places us earthlings (a nice translation of the Hebrew "Adam" which also means "earth") as the central and dominating force on earth. Yes, also inasmuch as religion has yet to be a strong force in environmental healing. Imagine, for example, if the Catholic and traditional Protestant churches put as much energy into environmental causes as they do in fighting abortion or marriage equality. Imagine what could happen if the organized Jewish community decided that the environment was as important as Jewish continuity or a safe and secure Israel.

But this is where I think White and his ilk falter: like many critics of the faith community, they have a limited understanding of religion and religious life. For example, while they are correct in pointing

to the first creation story and God's commandment to Adam to have dominion over earth's creatures, they fail to either realize or take into account that, right after the first creation story in Genesis I, comes another in Genesis II, where the earthling is placed in the midst of Creation and commanded not to have dominion but rather to be its steward. The Hebrew is "l'avdah ul'shamrah/To work and to protect." The problem of ignorance about religion in the environmental community is exacerbated when it comes to Judaism. The notion of the "Judeo-Christian" ethic may make folks feel warm and fuzzy about what we have in common, but more often than not it obscures significant differences between the two religions and their followers, as I think is the case when it comes to Judaism and the environment. While I am aware of at least one great Jewish thinker, Maimonides, who saw humanity as one species among many in a way that echoes a kind of Gaia-like view of radical ecology, in general Judaism shares Christianity's anthropocentric view of Creation; but from there Judaism's ecological world view diverges from Christianity in a number of ways. For example, while the thrust of much of Christian theology focuses on the Kingdom of Heaven – life after death – the goal of Judaism is to make heaven on earth. This world is not a world we are to transcend. Rather, our charge is, ultimately, *Tikkun Olam*, repair of the world. This Jewish environmental ethos is expressed beautifully in a sacred Jewish legend, a midrash, that is a companion to the biblical creation story. It goes like this:

"After God created everything and placed Adam in the midst of the garden, God led Adam on a tour of Creation and said, "Look at My works. See how beautiful they are, how excellent! For your sake I created them all. See to it that you do not spoil or destroy My world—for if you do, there will be no one to repair it after you."

This 2,000-year-old midrash is one of many environmental teachings one can find in Jewish tradition. For example, in answer to the question, Why was humanity created last? the Midrash responds, "lest humanity think that they are superior to all the other aspects of creation. Even a gnat has its place in Creation!" In addition to the Midrash, the biblical text beyond Genesis offers a number of ecological principles, like the Sabbath and the Sabbatical year. Halacha, Jewish law, also includes environmental legislation like the commandment not to waste or wantonly destroy – *Baal Tashkhit* – or the commandment not to cause unnecessary harm to animals – *Tzaar Baalei Chayim*.

If Judaism has such a heightened environmental awareness, why is the Jewish community not at the forefront of environmental action? I can think of at least four possible reasons:

Urbanization – having been exiled from our land for 2,000 years, we lost our innate connection to the environment;

Obsession with "Jewish Continuity" – while we obsess over our own survival, the world around us may collapse!

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Idolatry of materialism—we have become enamored with our own material success. We are afraid of our ecological footprint and what it would mean to our lifestyles if we actually made the needed sacrifices;

Inability (along with the rest of humanity) to see what is right in front of us. “Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, by Jared Diamond”

What's the solution? I wish I knew. Can religion be part of the answer to our environmental crisis? Yes, I believe it can. Will we, the religious community, rise to the challenge before it is too late? I don't have a crystal ball, but it is hard to be optimistic – yet to be a religious person is to believe in the promise of the future.

I'd like to conclude with some words from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whom we remembered this past week. They're from a sermon he gave at the National Cathedral Episcopal Church in Washington, DC, on March 31, 1968. It's called “Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution.” He is not addressing the subject of the environment directly, but I think you will see how his words connect to our subject:

“I would like to deal with the challenges that we face today as a result of this triple revolution that is taking place in the world today. First, we are challenged to develop a world perspective.

No individual can live alone, no nation can live alone, and anyone who feels that he can live alone is sleeping through a great Revolution. The world in which we live is geographically one. The challenge that we face today is to make it one in terms of brotherhood.... through our scientific and technological genius, we have made of this world a neighborhood and yet... we have not had the ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood.... We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in a single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality... I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be... this is the way God's universe is made, this is the way it is structured.”

We are one, whether we realize it or not, and not just as humans. We are one with all creation. I believe the basic charge of religion is to give humans vision where they might otherwise be blind, and to inspire humanity to see the spark of divinity in each other and in the great web of being we share. If we fail at this then we deserve to go down with the human ship. If we have success then we will have fulfilled our mission first laid out in Genesis II, to guard and tend the Garden that is Earth.

**B'shalom,
Rabbi George**

Plan to Join Our Congregational Retreat

In April Shomrei Torah will host an all-congregation retreat.

This is the second time we've offered this event.

What is it? Should I go? You might be familiar with the men's retreat or the women's retreat or Jewish camp for kids. This retreat is like rolling these all into one inclusive weekend!

“This retreat is for everyone: young, not-so-young, large families or small, partnered or single, new to CST or longtime members.”

We'll have the opportunity to spend an entire Shabbat truly unplugging from the everyday – to relax, learn, play and worship together. This retreat is for everyone: young, not-so-young, large families or small, partnered or single, new to CST or longtime members.

We want you to join us. The first retreat a few years ago was a great mix of worship, art, song, dance, sport, conversation and learning.

The benefits of going on retreat with Shomrei Torah are



that you will Rejuvenate. When was the last time you spent 24 hours of shabbat completely unplugged? Try it!

Get acquainted. Make new friends. Connect with old. Get to know the members of your congregation by sharing meals, worship and time together.

Have fun. Take a hike, sing around the campfire, play games, dance!

I look forward to seeing you at Camp Newman in April. Sign up now!

**B'Shalom,
Rachael**

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Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

And if I am only for myself, what am I?

And if not now, when?"

~ Pirke Avot 1:14

For a healthier you and a healthier environment!

Exposure to contaminants in personal care products is often confusing, tough to avoid and toxic for the skin, our largest organ. From hair gels to body wash, from soap to shampoo — it's important to know which are safe and which aren't. Avoid triclosan in cosmetics, parabens in soaps, and fragrances in everything from shampoo to deodorant.

- Make healthy choices by reading labels.
- Always check ingredients for toxics.
- View marketing claims with skepticism.

Check these websites for more information and to find thousands of safe products:

www.ewg.org/skindeep/top-tips-for-safer-products/

www.goodguide.com/

College Care Packages

Matzoh toffee, seasonal items, chocolate gelt—just a taste of what we have sent to Shomrei Torah's college students! Would your college student enjoy some holiday treats this year? Let us know his or her college address and we'll send fun and delicious greetings for Passover from their Shomrei Torah family!



Please call (578-5519) or email the office by March 15th (shomrei@cstsr.org) with the following information:

your student's name, college name, college address, email, plus your name, phone number and email. If your student received a Hanukkah package in December and has a change of address, please submit that too. We'd love to include all college students.

Looking for All Friendly Members!

Join the team of Shomrei Torah Ambassadors, members who welcome guests and new members at Friday night services. It's easy, it feels good, and it helps newcomers feel welcome. For more information contact the CST office.

LEGACY NEWS

Meet Legacy Circle Member Florence Boxerman



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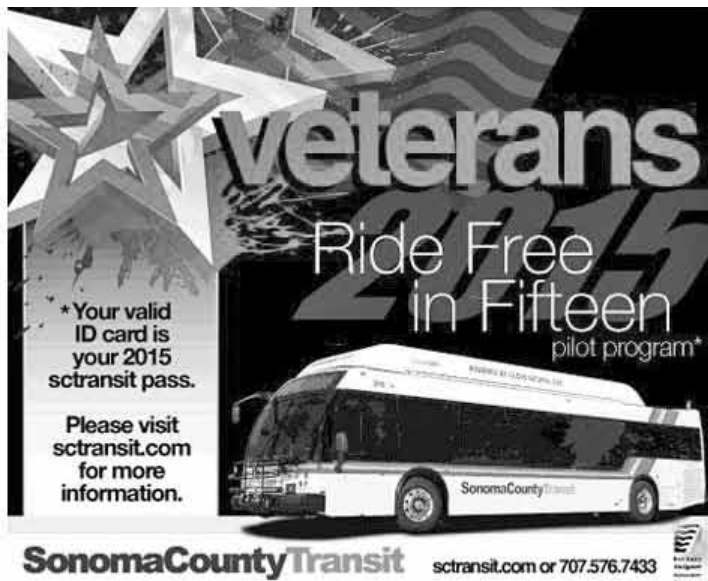
Legacy Circle member Florence Boxerman has been a member of Shomrei Torah since 1994, when she and her late husband Mel moved here from Waukegan, Illinois, to be closer to their grown children. With a strong history of involvement in the Waukegan Jewish community, where Florence served as President of Hadassah and her husband as synagogue president, it was only natural that they soon became active members of CST. Today, their son Keith Boxerman and daughter Nancy Boxerman Ferrick, both of whom are very actively involved members of Shomrei Torah, continue this tradition.

Florence feels strongly about the responsibility to support her synagogue, doing whatever she can to help as needed. Her legacy gift is made with no restrictions, but to be used wherever it is most needed. She is proud of Shomrei Torah's many accomplishments, including building a home of its own, and feels blessed to be part of such a strong Jewish community, which she now shares with her children and grandchildren.



Environmental Movie Being Considered as a Possible Forum Opportunity

A new well-reviewed and locally produced documentary film called "The Russian River: All Rivers" is being shown in local theaters and other venues around Sonoma County. Some of the Environmental Action Committee saw it on February 12 at the Summerfield Theater to evaluate whether it is worthy of a special showing at a water-discussion event to be held in May at CST. Some showings are scheduled in March—see the website at <http://www.russianriverallrivers.com> All CST members who want to help put this eco movie night and discussion together, contact the CST office.



Free Bus Passes for College Students and Veterans: Spread the Word

The Social Action Committee wants people to know that in 2015 college students and veterans can ride Sonoma County Transit free. College students need to present a student ID card showing that they are currently enrolled at a Sonoma County college, such as Santa Rosa Junior College, Sonoma State University, University of San Francisco Santa Rosa Campus and Empire College. Veterans need a VA identification card or a Sonoma County Veterans ID. For more information about the free bus passes, go to sctransit.com or call 707-576-7433.

The free bus passes are part of a pilot program approved by the Board of Supervisors to determine how a free fare program would affect ridership and traffic reduction. It may ease financial hurdles faced by veterans and students. Representatives from veterans groups, SRJC students and the North Bay Organizing Project (NBOP) actively lobbied for this program and praised the supervisors for its implementation. NBOP plans to lobby for the extension of the program to include high-school students. CST is a member of NBOP, a coalition of 20 faith-based and community groups. For more information about NBOP, contact the CST office.

Participate In The AZM Elections

The American Zionist Movement (AZM) is holding elections to determine US Jewish representation to the World Zionist Congress (WZC), the highest legislative body of the World Zionist Organization (WZO). These elections are the strongest way for American Reform Jews to promote and encourage the ideals of justice, equality and democracy in Israel. Please go to <https://www.reformjews4israel.org/> to learn more about the election and how to participate. Find out more about the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) at www.arza.org.

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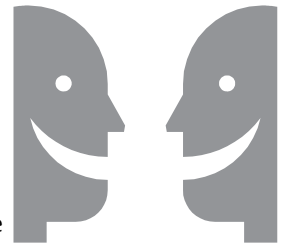
YWCA Safe House

The Social Action Committee gratefully acknowledges the Shomrei Torah members who have generously contributed toward funding two sets of washers and dryers for the YWCA Safe House, the shelter for battered and abused women and their children.

It's not too late to make a donation to support these most vulnerable women and children. Please make your check out to the Social Action Committee and reference the YWCA Safe House. Thank you.

Cancer Resource Team At Your Service

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



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Social Action Committee At The Movies

A full house for "John Brown's Body", a film about Restorative Justice!

Shown at CST on January 17



Clockwise:
JBB Filmmaker mingling with
audience.
Film Committee and speakers.
The packed house from the back of
the sanctuary.



Tot Shabbat

Dearest Families,

Hope everyone has had a good start to the New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our mock Seder with the Shomrei Torah Religious School on Sunday, March 15 at 9:00 AM.

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, 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, March 27 – 6:30 PM

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



This month we will be preparing for Passover. Join us on Friday, March 27, at 6:30 PM for a Shabbat potluck and bring your favorite dish for Passover and the recipe. It will be a night full of great food and good company. You might even find a new recipe you love! RSVP for the address.

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

SHORTY

The SHORTY Board hosted a terrific roller skating event in January. Twelve of our teens were at the event and enjoyed a night of unlimited pizza and roller-skating. Want to join in on the fun? Contact Brandon Binder, SHORTY Advisor, at bbinder@urjcamps.org.



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on January 15, 2015, and took the following actions:

- Approved a title change for staff member Denise Harrison to Senior Administration Assistant.
- Approved one new family for membership.
- Approved a contract renewal for Rabbi George Gittleman.

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.

JCC Chaverim News

From Rick Concoff: A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting this year's seventh-grade religious school students. Together, we enjoyed a "Chaverim-like" session – a teaser for their upcoming participation in Chaverim in fall of 2015. Did you know this class exceeds the national statistics with a regular 85 to 100 percent registration of post-B'nai mitzvah students in our program? Please watch for our easy online registration material so that you can sign up early for this great program. Visit jcsoco.org to learn more or contact Rick Concoff at 707-477-9196..

Jewish Community Free Clinic's Justice in Health Family-Style Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29 – 4:00 – 8:00 PM at CST

Come join your friends, colleagues and community members to support the Jewish Community Free Clinic. Enjoy delicious appetizers, an array of local wines, and a generous family-style spread of dishes provided by local restaurants and chefs. Gather round to listen to the tunes of Syl and Phil, a local musical duo featuring Sylvia Tepper (piano and vocals) and Phil Lawrence (mandolin and guitar). Treat yourself to a silent auction full of enticing items donated by our generous community. The cost is \$54 per person or \$360 for a table of eight. RSVP by March 20th to director.jcfc@gmail.com or by phone at 707-585-7780. The event is being held at Shomrei Torah. Invite your family and friends to be supporters of the JCFC.

JCC Friendship Circle Luncheons

Mondays, March 9, 15 and 23

March 9: *Best of Broadway* featuring Mezzo Soprano Deborah Rosengaus and pianist Deborah Davis. Come celebrate a lovely spring afternoon with some of Broadway's most memorable melodies. Music will feature timeless hits by Gershwin and Lerner/Loewe to name a few. You'll be tapping your toes and singing along in no time. Let's join together to enjoy the Best of Broadway.

March 15: *Wells Fargo Center for the Arts presents... In The Mood.* Join the Jewish Community Center Friendship Circle for an all-inclusive three-course luncheon at Equus Restaurant, just five minutes away from the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. We will meet for lunch at the restaurant at 12:30 PM and then drive to the Wells Fargo Center for the show! With 19 performers on stage, including six singer-dancers, *In the Mood* is a fully staged tribute to Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Sinatra and the big band greats of the '40s. Complete with period costumes and choreography, *In the Mood* pays homage to America's greatest generation, who fought WWII! Experience the swing, the rhythm and the jazzy, brassy, sentimental and patriotic music of this pivotal time in America's history. The show begins at 3:00 PM. RSVP by March 2. Tickets are \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members. Cost includes lunch at Equus and admission to the show.

March 23: *The Hot Frittatas Travel to Europe* with Gus Garelick (violin and mandolin), Don Coffin (guitar) and Gail Sharpsteen (cello)! The Hot Frittatas specialize in romantic Italian cafe music — but don't be lulled into thinking they are just about a quiet cup of cappuccino and a pastry! Enjoy a tasty concoction of classical and contemporary roots music from Spain, Italy, France, Sicily, Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico. Waltzes, tangos, polkas, musettes, tarantellas and marches performed with expertise, equanimity, style and vivacity. They've appeared all across the West, on various radio programs (including NPR), produced three CDs and written music for "The Bachelor" TV series. This band will make you want to dance and fall in love... and maybe do both at the same time. As noted by the Santa Rosa Press Democrat: "You can almost taste the cappuccino."

Please contact the Friendship Circle office at friendshipcircle@jccsoco.org or 528-1182 to make your reservations or for further information.

Jewish Community Center Events

JCC IGNITE Event –

"Enlighten Us, But Make It Quick"

Saturday, March 14 – 7:00 PM

Join us on Saturday March 14th at the Glaser Center. IGNITE talks are just like mini-TED talks presented by passionate people, but they are only 5 minutes long and accompanied by 20 images. Fun, fast and educational. Tickets are \$18 and include a glass of wine and little nibbles. For reservations and more information, go to www.jccsoco.org.

Is your child ready for day camp?

Camp Chai registration is open!

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.

Save the Date for Simcha Sunday, our community's festival celebrating all things Jewish. **Sunday, April 26, Noon to 4:00 PM.**

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Social Action Committee

Soup Brigade: We Need Your Help... Again!

We know that the homeless in Santa Rosa are enduring very harsh times now, because of the cold weather. We can all help. Catholic Charities expanded its services at the Samuel Jones Shelter, creating extra indoor sleeping space for the homeless through March 30, and has put out a call to the faith-based community asking for assistance. The CST Social Action Committee stepped up and offered to provide soup for 40 people each Monday night through February and March. We need your help! We need four volunteers each Monday (February 9th – March 30th) to make soup in their own homes for 10 to 12 people and deliver it to the Samuel Jones Hall at 4020 Finley Avenue (south of Sebastopol Road, west of Stony Point). Chicken noodle and other wholesome soups are welcome (no matzoh balls because the soup is served in tall paper cups). The soup can be brought during the day and put in the refrigerator for the Emergency Winter Shelter program. Please label your container "EWS plus your name" so that it can be returned to you. Soup is heated and served from 7:30 until 9:00 PM. So, we could also use four people to stay and help serve.

Please help now. To volunteer to make soup and/or serve, please contact the CST office and let us know on which date you can help and if you are willing to be a server and team leader. For example: "I am willing to make soup for Monday, February 23rd and be a server and team leader." This is a simple way to help the community--a real mitzvah.

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For more information, please call the temple office at 707-578-5519.

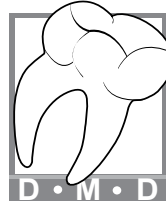
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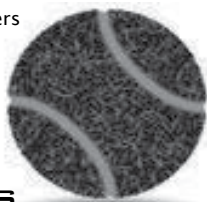
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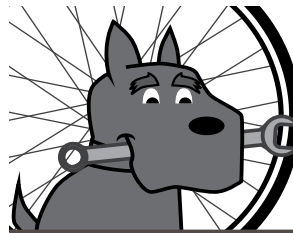
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6:15 pm
Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 7

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8:45 am
Torah Study led by Rabbi George
10:30 am
Shabbat Service

Friday, March 13

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Saturday, March 14

Weekly Torah portion: Vayakhel-Pekudei, Exodus 35:1 – 40:38
8:45 am
Torah Study led by Rabbi Kramer
10:30 am
Shabbat Service
11:00 am 6th Grade Morning Service

Friday, March 20

6:15 pm
Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 21

Weekly Torah portion: Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26
8:45 am
Torah Study led by Rabbi George
10:30 am
Shabbat Service

Friday, March 27

6:15 pm
Shabbat Service
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Saturday, March 28

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9:30 am
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