



November 2015 – Cheshvan / Kislev 5776, Volume XXVIII Number 9



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

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

You can greatly assist our volunteer callers by making contributions in advance. Just log on to our website and click on the Gelt-a-Thon donation button. Or, you can send in a check, call the office and charge your credit card on file, or even come by the office and

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bring cash. Once your gift is received, we will remove your name from the call list. Last year, 135 families donated prior to the Gelt-a-Thon! You are also welcome to help by making calls; contact Reedferrick@aol.com to join our caller group and to be treated to a delicious breakfast!

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

Reed Ferrick and John Weinstein, co-chairs.

Class:

Great Poems of the Bible 3 sessions:

Wednesdays, November 11, 18 and December 2 at 7:00 – 8:30 PM

<u>Teacher:</u>

Rabbi George

This three-session class will use James Kugel's book *Great Poems of the Bible*, as the template for an exploration of the meaning, form and content of biblical poetry. Please purchase the book and bring to class. RSVP to the CST office, 578-5519.

Nolan Gasser In Concert At CST

Saturday, November 21 at 7:30 PM

Those fortunate enough to have heard Nolan Gasser perform his original version of "Kol Nidre" at the *Erev Yom Kippur* service in September relished a taste of this world-class performer's prodigious musical talent. On Saturday night November 21 at 7:30 PM you are invited to fill your plate.

Maestro Gasser will perform an evening of musical selections—encompassing classical, jazz, pop, and the composer's original compositions—to dedicate the new grand piano acquired thanks to a generous donation by the family of John DeAguiar. The piano, donated in loving memory of the late Laur DeAguiar, replaces a well-worn model that had been on temporary loan to the synagogue.

The performance is a fundraiser for Shomrei Torah's music



program and to help fund the synagogue's ongoing religious, cultural, and community-building activities. Seats are \$36 per person and are available on the web site at www.cstsr.org, or by calling the synagogue office at (707) 578-5519. Order yours early; this event is likely to sell out fast.

Community Dinner with Conversation *Meet! Share Stories! Eat!*

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 — 8:15 PM

Join us for an energizing evening of Chinese dinner followed by one-on-one and small group conversations. This casual evening will give us all—veteran and new members alike—a chance to get to know each other and share our stories. Each small group will be led by a trained facilitator. It's Fun! It's Fasy! It's Free!

Reservations Required by Thursday, November 12. Please email Denise in the office denise@cstsr.org or call 578-5519. Space limited to 125.

Hosted and Lead by Rabbi George Dinner and Babysitting Provided Free!



Bagel Club discovers the New Urbanism

Sunday, November 1 at 9:00 AM

Lois Fisher is an urban planner who was a principal designer of the river and movie district in Petaluma, and the town square in Windsor. She will talk to us about "The New Urbanism". She lectures at Sonoma State University and has her own urban design firm in Windsor. We will learn the features of "livable and walkable cities" and how urban design can avoid being car-centric and full of strip malls.

Please RSVP to the CST office at 578-5519 to reserve your gourmet breakfast for \$7. Ladies are of course welcome.

Winter Warmth Drive for our Friends at Elisha's Pantry

November 6 thru December 4

Congregation Shomrei Torah is again having a clothing drive to keep our friends in the community warm this winter. We will be collecting new or **gently used** items to distribute to clients of Elisha's Pantry.

Donations should be clean and free of holes and stains!

WARM COATS ~ HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES ~ SWEATERS ~ SWEATSHIRTS AND PANTS ~ RAIN GEAR ~ BEDDING ~ SLEEPING BAGS ~ SOCK

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

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

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

A project of the CST Social Action Committee and Congregation Beth Ami.





Rabbi's Tisch Rabbi Doug Kahn

"Anti-Israel vs. Anti-Semitism: Is There a Difference?" Friday, November 13 at 6:15 PM

Rabbi Doug Kahn is the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Rabbi Kahn has published widely on issues related to community relations, and is known for his ability to educate and advocate for the Jewish Community in the community at large.



The Rabbi's *Tisch* will begin with Shabbat blessings and a delicious dinner. Suggested donation is \$18. RSVP by calling the office at 578-5519 or by emailing denise@cstsr.org.



miniSHORTY is starting off our year with some miniGOI F!

Come join us on Sunday, November 15 at Scandia for a round of golf, some yummy lunch and maybe even a trip around the race track in a go-kart!

mini-SHORTY is for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students

When: November 15, 2:00 – 4:30 PM

• Where: Scandia, Rohnert Park

• Cost: \$10 per student

RSVP: by Saturday, November 7 to youth@cstsr.org

Interfaith Pre-Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 PM

Location: Christ Church United Methodist, 1717 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa

Please join fellow congregants from Shomrei Torah at a pre-Thanksgiving interfaith worship service with Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM), celebrating our many years of collaboration. CCUM was Shomrei Torah's home for over 25 years before our move to our facilities on Bennett Valley Road 8 years ago. This service is warm and meaningful, family-friendly, with music, stories and sharing, fellowship and refreshments.

Night of Lights Hanukkah celebration

Wednesday, December 9 at 6:15 PM



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



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND TAKE JACK in concert at CST

Saturday, January 9 at 7:30 PM

Take Jack is a nine-member collaborative ensemble of Sonoma County-based singers, composers and musicians who charmed and inspired a sellout CST audience at last year's Peace Concert. The *Jacks* beautifully navigate a lively and wide-ranging repertoire of original

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compositions and arrangements infused with stellar harmonies and informed by folk, roots, rock, choral and jazz traditions. Their mix runs the gamut from a cappella to various additions of guitar, mandolin, keyboard, harmonica, banjo, toy piano and bass. A good amount of fun is involved.

More details to follow. Proceeds support the work of the CST Social Action Committee.

Rabbi's *Tisch* Dreamers: Our Neighbors, Friends, Students and Community Members

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee *Friday, December 11 at 6:15 PM*

Hear the poignant and inspirational stories of four young adult Dreamers with promising but precarious futures. Brought to the U.S. as young children, they grew up in our community, but without



legal status. As they reached adulthood, being undocumented meant they could not work or plan for a meaningful career. In 2012 President Obama instituted DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), which opened up their futures. However, DACA is subject to presidential authorization.

One of our speakers will be Ariana Aparicio. Born in Mexico, she came to the U.S. at age four and grew up in Point Reyes Station. She graduated with distinction from Sonoma State University, earning a B.A. in Sociology. At SSU, she co-founded an educational support group for undocumented students, for which she received the Dr. Richard A. Rodriguez Memorial Social Justice Action Award. Prior to DACA, she felt hopeless about her future. Now, DACA allows her to work and contribute to the community. Recently, SSU hired Ariana as an Academic Advisor.

The Rabbi's *Tisch* will begin at 6:15 PM with Shabbat blessings and a delicious dinner. Suggested donation is \$18. Please reserve your place by calling the office at 578-5519 or emailing denise@cstsr.org.



Right to Die?

As I write this, many in California are celebrating the Governor's signing of the "Right-to-Die" bill

otherwise known as ABX2-15. This new law allows physicians to prescribe lethal doses of drugs to terminally ill patients who want to end their life rather than suffer through the course of the disease. Those celebrating its passage see ABX2-15 as a long-awaited compassionate response to terminal illness; "why suffer when you can end your life in dignity?"

I've seen firsthand the indignities and suffering of terminal illness. I watched my brother, Willie, die of liver cancer – it ultimately spread to his lungs and slowly

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robbed him of his breath and ultimately his life – and I've witnessed many (too many) deaths in the congregation over the years. Suffice to say that my experience these last 20 years has sensitized



Rabbi George

me to the array of complex and often emotional issues surrounding assisted suicide. Do we have a right to die? Is dignity a higher value than life itself? What if the doctors are wrong and the condition is not terminal, at least not within the often-cited six-month window? What happens to the patient-doctor relationship when your physician can also be your assassin? What safeguards are in place for the most vulnerable – disabled, poor, elderly, depressed, etc...? What about the slippery slope? What kind of Pandora's Box are we opening? Judaism only allows for suicide under extreme conditions not included or envisioned in any modern legislation. How can we condone a practice forbidden by almost every reading of Jewish law and medical ethics? The highest value in Jewish law and tradition is the preservation of life, but what do we do when to live is to suffer?

Judaism only allows for suicide under extreme conditions not included or envisioned in any modern legislation.

While the overwhelming majority of Jewish thinkers, across the spectrum of Jewish movements, are against active euthanasia or assisted suicide, a similar majority supports both palliative care and hospice as approaches to terminal illness. In other words, Judaism holds that, iust as we are commanded to heal when we can, we are also commanded to treat pain and suffering, even if a byproduct of the treatment hastens death. Moving from what some call "passive euthanasia" to "active euthanasia," deliberately doing something that causes the patient to die, is the "red line" in Jewish tradition that few believe it is okay to cross, the general notion being that only God, not a person, "gives" and "takes" life.

As liberal/non-Orthodox
Jews, we believe that Jewish
tradition has a vote but not a
veto in our lives. Ultimately
we decide to what degree we
will follow Jewish tradition
and ethics. In other words,
we embrace moral autonomy
as a basic precept for better
and for worse! That means
that whether we embrace the
"right-to-die" is a very weighty
and personal choice and in

that sense I both respect and agree with what Governor Brown said about his signing of ABX2-15 into law:

"In the end I was left to reflect on what I would want in the face of my own death. I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I would not deny that right to others."

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Governor Brown is right:
Judaism may not support
the right to die, but this isn't
the first time that tradition
has lagged morally. While
this new law is a step toward
compassion and dignity, we
take it tentatively, mindful of
the pitfalls along this new and
uncharted path, where our
Jewish compass, at least as it
is currently calibrated, is of
limited use.

*B'shalom,*Rabbi George

TEMPLE NEWS

I Choose Hope

Last month another tragic shooting occurred, this most recent one at Umpqua Community College in Oregon. Along with a deep sadness, I can't help but fear, "Could this happen in our community, at my own work place?" I feel a heavy sadness for all of the victims, their families and for what is becoming all too commonplace. While there is much we need to do in our society to address senseless acts of violence, what I read the day after this atrocity is what I choose to carry with me. I choose hope.

The following is excerpted from Sacred Intentions, Daily Inspirations to Strengthen the Spirit Based on Jewish Wisdom.

2 October – Where there is life, there is hope. Our embrace of life is inextricably bound up with our ability to nourish and sustain hope. Hope in the midst of even the worst situations will renew our spirits and give us the ability to walk into the unknown despite all our fears and concerns. There have probably been times

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Rachael Cutcher

when we have all lost hope in ourselves, in others, and even in life itself. When

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such despair overcomes us, it is necessary to reconnect with the spirit that resides within each of us, though we may think it has been extinguished. Without a sense of hope for the future, our lives wither, our spirits dampen, and we shrivel. Hope is like a candle's flame; it may waver, but as long as there is both wax and wick. its flame will burn forever. Protect your sense of hope. Do not let it diminish. Share it freely with others to keep it strong and alive.

B'shalom, Rachael

Heartfelt Thank You to the Caring Committee

At the end of July, I got mysterious ailments, leaving me incapacitated. When I was on bed rest, keeping my leg elevated to heal, and staying off of it, I got contacted by many people from the CARING COMMITTEE in a few days' time asking if they could bring me Matzo Ball Soup! "Heck yeah!" I said, or something similar. I got one half gallon delivered one day, and offers to bring more. Soon after, a second person to whom I spoke brought me spinach lasagna. Then a third person from the CARING COMITTEE called and spoke with me, and offered more culinary help. All this fluff to say a very sincere, and heartfelt thank you to the Caring Committee. I was not expecting such assistance, as I did not cry out for help. Rather somebody on the Committee must have seen mention of my ailments on social media, and acted accordingly to offer the help. That, in and of itself, is the proof that this Committee does genuinely care, and that made my recovery go so much more smoothly - having extra food to facilitate the healing.

Sincerely, Lee Spitzer

Have you thought about joining a *Chavurah?*



A *chavurah* is a wonderful way to create extended family with members of CST! "Chavurah" is derived from the Hebrew root that means "friend or friendship." In this spirit, individuals and families who comprise *chavurot* also strive to support each other in times of difficulty and to celebrate with each other in times of joy. Joining a *chavurah* is a way to break apart the "bigness" of our synagogue, and to give each of us a deeper experience of community within the congregation.

Activities might include doing community service, attending plays or visiting museums, taking a class in something of interest, having a game night, taking the kids fishing, hiking or swimming, having a dinner, lunch or brunch at someone's home and chatting around the table. Applications to join a *chavurah* are available at the CST office. Fill out an application, return it and the *chavurah* committee will do the rest.



Business to Business at Shomrei Torah

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

You'll meet an eclectic mix of members including financial planners, chiropractors, tax preparers, estate attorneys, asset managers, business and employment consultants, realtors, home remodelers, fine artists, graphic artists, photographers and more. Not only is the B2B@ CST group good for business, but you'll forge and strengthen new friendships and alliances to connect to our robust community. Sonoma County is a great place to live and joining B2B@CST will make your life here even richer!

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We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 AM at Congregation Shomrei Torah. Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 10. For more information, contact the CST office at 578-5519.

Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

Let us be zealous now to care for this unique corner of the cosmos, this planet — our sacred home.

From Vidui for the 21st Century, Yom Kippur Machzor

Make Thanksqiving a celebration of the environment. . .

- · Feast on local, seasonal foods
- Choose a heritage, organic, or sustainable turkey (or go meatless)
- Compost veggie kitchen scraps
- Be creative with leftovers—reduce food waste

https://www.farmland.org/our-work/areas-of-focus/food http://grist.org/article/food-composting-101-slideshow/full/ http://www.nrdc.org/food/default.as

Upcoming events



Please join us on Friday, November 6 at 6:15 PM for Camp Shabbat with Movie Night.

Come enjoy a Camp Style Shabbat service followed by dinner and watching "The Lego Movie." Please RSVP to ra@cstsr.org so we know how many to plan on for dinner. We ask for a \$10 per family donation to defray the costs of food.

Please join us on Sunday, November 8 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM for our all-school PJ Library READ Day.

Wear your PJ's and come celebrate Book Month, while jamming out to an amazing concert by Octopretzel! There will be a special snack, and art projects.

LEGACY NEWS

LEGACY CIRCLE

Culture of Gratitude through Legacy Circle Membership

Congregation Shomrei Torah is in an ongoing process of building a culture of gratitude for the spiritual gratification and satisfaction members receive by belonging to a synagogue that lives in the present and looks to the future.

This culture of gratitude is most evident when the members and friends of CST make donations to the various funds and action committees to express appreciation and/or remember someone or some event that is meaningful.

Another way to consider expressing gratitude for CST today is to contribute to the Legacy Circle when you make a donation for something/someone special while recognizing that CST will be here for the benefit of future generations. Just note that you wish your contribution to go to the Legacy Circle when you call or send in donations.

Finally, if CST touches your life now, how about making that possible for the years ahead by recognizing CST in your will or trust and becoming a member of the Legacy Circle – a very special group of congregation members, who, by their actions now, are building a culture of gratitude for the future?

For more information about the process of joining the Legacy Circle please contact the CST office at 578-5519.

Share Your Jewish Journey With Us!

On Yom Kippur afternoon, three congregants continued a CST tradition by describing their individual paths to Shomrei Torah.

Each journey was different. Each journey touched our hearts. We learned. We understood. At times, we smiled; at times, we marveled.

And by each journey's end, we knew three members of our community better than we had before.

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

Why We're Collecting Jewish Journeys

Every person's path is meaningful.

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

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

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

How To Take Part

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

Note: Rabbi George will read each submission.

Mail: Congregation Shomrei Torah

2600 Bennett Valley Road Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Email: denise@cstsr.org

Questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome.

Easy Ways To Support Synagogue Programs

Would you like to support the programs at CST without spending a dime? Many organizations make it easy. Amazon Smile allows you to allocate .05% of your purchases to any 501c(3) charity. Indicate Congregation Shomrei Torah as your charity at https://smile.amazon.com/about. When you make a purchase on Amazon, start at smile.amazon.com instead of Amazon.com and CST will automatically get credit every time you shop.

Similar donations can be made through eScrip.com. Although Safeway is no longer participating, Food4Less is, along with Fircrest Market (Sebastopol) and Molsberry's (Wikiup). Oliver's Market and Petaluma Market have community cards that can be added to eScrip to give the synagogue credit.

After many years, Ilene Moran has stepped down as eScrip coordinator. Please contact Denise in the CST office if you have an hour or two a month to devote to coordinating the program.



Simchat Torah at Shomrei Torah

Tot Shabbat

Sunday, November 8 at 9:00 PM

Hope everyone has had a healthy, happy and meaningful holiday season and a great start to the new year. We look forward to seeing you Sunday, November 8 at 9:00 AM for our monthly Tot Shabbat gathering. There will be a special, joint Tot Shabbat/ Religious School PJ Library event. Don't miss the amazing Octopretzel Bay Area band for a special children's concert!

Blessings,

Tot Shabbat Lauren



New Faces On CST Staff

Shomrei Torah welcomes two new additions to the synagogue staff, **Cantorial Soloist Erica Wisner** and **Youth and Music Coordinator Malcolm McElheney**.

Erica Wisner joins Shomrei Torah on a part-time basis to participate in services and holiday observances when Cantor David is unavailable due to his part-time schedule. Erica, a Sacramento native who lived in New York City for a decade while pursuing a career in musical theater, is a professional musician with a Master's Degree in Musical Theater from the Boston Conservatory and a BA degree in theater from UCLA. She and her husband Chris, who works in the wine industry, moved to Santa Rosa in 2008.

"I fell in love with the Jewish musical liturgy when my parents started a synagogue in Sacramento," she explains, noting that, like Shomrei Torah, her childhood synagogue shared space in a church, "but I'm looking forward to receiving on-the-job liturgical training with Cantor David." After considering cantorial school, Erica chose to pursue musical theater as a profession, but values the spiritual connection that singing Jewish music affords her. "It was fun to play a character in a musical, but so much more meaningful to access my own spirituality through music."

Erica's first exposure to Shomrei Torah was through her son Noah, 5, who participated in Tot Shabbat and is now a student in the religious school. Daughter Lael, 2, recently started Tot Shabbat.

Erica will be supporting Cantor David and filling-in for him at Friday and Saturday Shabbat services, *B'nei Mitzvah* services, and in holiday and other community events



Malcolm McElheney ioins Shomrei Torah as our full-time Youth and Music Coordinator. working with children and teens in the synagogue's SHORTY (grades 9 - 12), Mini-SHORTY (6 - 8) and JUSTY (3 - 6) groups, and mentoring the STARS madrichim. Malcolm brings five years of experience working with Jewish kids in various youth programs.



Like Erica Wisner, Malcolm is a Sacramento native who grew up at Congregation B'nai Israel, where he became a Bar Mitzvah and continued through confirmation. He started attending URJ Camp Newman here in Santa Rosa in 2003, and just completed his 12th summer there. In high school, Malcolm was involved with the national NFTY group (National Federation of Temple Youth), and served on the regional board of NFTY Central West. He created his own major at New York University, where he received his degree in Jewish Youth Programming. He still works (and lives) at Camp Newman, and as a URJ Fellow and site host is involved most weekends with activities at the camp.

"To say that I am excited to work with Shomrei Torah kids and families is an understatement," Malcolm said. "For the past five years, I have focused my passions on working with Jewish kids and the journey has been so rewarding and meaningful."

Malcolm's position at Shomrei Torah is funded in large part by grants from Jewish charitable organizations.

Special Thank You to Members of Our Community



Thanks to our wonderful sukkah-building team!

Left to right: Michael Fried, Emery Rowand, Adam and Micah Kramer, Craig Meltzner, Scott Hayden.



STaRS Committee making delicious breakfast for families on the first day of religious school Left to right: Emery Rowand, David Fichera, Eli Weinzveg, Sharon Bauman, Tricia Goldberg.



Thanks to some of our dedicated "shleppers" over the High Holy Days!

Left to right: Kaitlin Marrin, David Karpilow, Denise Harrison, Charlie Catlett, Craig Meltzner, Jeffrey Schecter, Rich Sleeper

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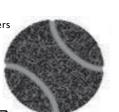
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Friday, November 13

6:15 pm — Rabbi's Tisch with Rabbi Doug Kahn

Saturday, November 14

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Friday, November 20

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Saturday, November 21

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Friday, November 27

6:15 pm — Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 28

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