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Rabbi's Tisch sponsored by the Legacy Circle Committee

"From Infinity to Beyond: Building a Stronger Synagogue"

Friday, October 9 at 6:15 PM

Five years ago a small committee of CST members met to discuss the financial health of the synagogue for the years ahead. Former CST Board President Dianne Smith took the reins by forming a Legacy Circle for CST. She was succeeded by Irv Rothenberg whose leadership has resulted in an increasing number of members choosing to provide for CST in their wills and trusts.

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Please join the congregation on October 9 when we share a delicious meal and will hear from Eliot Levin of the Partnership Resources Group along with Rabbi George and Irv Rothenberg as we honor past Legacy Circle leadership. Feel free to contact Marsha Jacobs or Roy Sparrow, current Legacy Committee Chairs, about how you can ensure CST's future. All inquiries are confidential. RSVP for the *tisch* to Denise in the CST office.

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New Member Shabbat Friday, October 30 at 6:15 PM

The clergy, the staff, the Board of Directors and the Membership Task Force are planning two events for new members who have joined the synagogue in the last year. The first event is a special new member Shabbat and Oneg to be held on October 30. An adult-only reception is also planned for January. Watch The Voice and Chailites for information on new member events and join us to be officially welcomed into the synagogue.

CST Men's Retreat *October 16 – 18*

The 5th Shomrei Torah Men's Retreat is right around the corner. Don't miss out on a weekend of camaraderie, contemplation, *kibitzing* and, of course, good food. The Enchanted Hills Retreat Center features excellent facilities for sports, hiking and swimming in a beautiful setting, and the food, prepared by a professional staff, is amazing! Come to just kick back with other guys and to enjoy a stress-free weekend.

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For more information or to register, contact the CST office at 578-5519 or go to the CST website for a form.

Come dance with the Torah! Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 4 at 6:15 PM

Join us as we celebrate the unfurling and rerolling of our Torah with lively music, singing and dancing. This family-oriented party is a wonderful opportunity to see the Torah unfold in all its glory.



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Bagel Club Goes Wine Tasting

Sunday, October 4, at 10:00 AM

Join us on Sunday, October 4, at 10:00 am when Jackson Family Wines wine educator and sommelier (plus CST member) Jim Cutcher hosts our group for a wine education seminar and tasting. There will be food-pairing included. We will meet at Stonestreet Winery at 7111 Hwy 128 in Healdsburg. The cost is \$7.

Please contact the CST office at 578-5519 to reserve a spot, so we can have the right amount of food and wine available

Carpooling is encouraged. Meet at CST at 9:30 am. All CST members including ladies are welcome to attend.

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Debbie Friedman Shabbat

Friday, October 23 at 6:15 PM

Of all the talented musicians who revitalized the music of Reform Jewish worship starting in the 1970's, Debbie Friedman's contributions earned her a unique place in history: The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion renamed its cantorial school the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music following her death in 2011. Join Cantor David



Join Cantor David and the rabbis for a special Friday evening service dedicated to Debbie's music from mega-hits like Mi Chamocha and Oseh Shalom

and the rabbis for a special Friday evening service dedicated to Debbie's music—from mega-hits like Mi Chamocha and Oseh Shalom to lesser-known works from her earliest vears.

Come to the Annual Public Meeting! North Bay Organizing Project

Sunday, October 25, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Santa Rosa

CST is one of 20 faith-based and community groups that comprise the North Bay Organizing Project (NBOP). The annual Public Meeting will highlight this year's accomplishments of the Transit, Housing, and Education Task Forces. We will hear from local college students, housing and education advocates, about their efforts to expand the free bus pass program, lobby for more low income housing and renter protections, and expand restorative justice programs in the schools. As we begin the new year, let's renew our connection to the broader community. Join members of the Social Action Committee at this annual event. Location to be announced—see Chai-lites for specifics. For more information and/or to let us know you will be joining us, contact: the CST office.

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-SAVE THE DATE

Rabbi's Tisch about North Bay Dreamers Friday, December 11, 6:15 pm

Join us as we introduce several North Bay Dreamers. These are local, young adults who immigrated to the U.S. as children, brought by their parents without legal papers. As they reached adulthood, their "undocumented" status presented many obstacles. In 2012 President Obama instituted a new policy, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) which significantly transformed their lives. It allowed them to obtain a driver's license, work, and more easily attend college. Come and meet these young people and hear their compelling stories the challenges they faced and the ways they are now able to contribute to our community. The Social Action Committee is particularly pleased to sponsor this tisch. As Jews, our history leads us to recognize the humanity of immigrants. As usual, dinner will be served and the suggested donation is \$18.

Rabbi Kramer will travel to Germany in November!

"Rabbi Kramer is one of 10 women rabbis in North America to be invited"

Last summer, Abraham Geiger College (the Reform Seminary in Germany) hosted America's four pioneering women rabbis, each the first to



be ordained in her respective denomination, at a historic forum in Berlin to honor Rabbi Regina Jonas, the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi (1902–1944). Since that program sparked so many discussions and further questions about women rabbis and their journeys from the margins to the mainstream, Abraham Geiger College decided to mark the 80th anniversary of Jonas' ordination later this year with an international conference. From November 17 – 19, Abraham Geiger College, together with the School of Jewish Theology at the University of Potsdam, will hold a conference to explore "The Role of Women's Leadership in Faith Communities."

Germany Close Up, which is funded by the German government, has kindly agreed to sponsor a nineday program "In the Footsteps of Regina Jonas" for ten young women rabbis from North America. The program will expose participants to Berlin's multicultural life, allow them to visit sites such as a former concentration camp, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and the Jewish Museum in Berlin, and to experience other key historical sites and cultural venues. They will meet with German opinion-makers from the academic and political spheres, representatives of grass roots movements and the Jewish community, as well as German contemporaries. The role of Jewish voices in transatlantic relations will be explored as participants actively contribute to German-American dialogue.

At the conference, there will be an emphasis on the struggle of women rabbis on their way to equal religious participation, and discussions about the contribution of women pioneers who became Jewish lay leaders. So far, about 40 invited speakers from Europe, Israel and the United States have confirmed their participation.

Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. (Psalm 24)

Sukkot, with its many "green" connections, celebrates the harvest! The Environmental Action Committee encourages observing *Sukkot* with sustainability and the environment in mind. For example. . .

- · Prepare dishes that include local, sustainable ingredients for your sukkah
- · Be sure to compost your veggie Sukkot scraps
- Use only reusable plates, cups and cutlery in your sukkah
- Celebrate the bounty of the harvest by eating a vegetarian diet during Sukkot
- Be a true Locavore and eat only food produced within 250 miles for the entire week of Sukkot!

http://werepair.org/category/sukkot-holidays/ http://www.greenprophet.com/2011/10/sukkot-thanksgiving-environment/

Message from Rick Concoff

Chaverim, the Teen Jewish education of Sonoma County, and specifically the Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County welcomes Jewish teens, affiliated or not affiliated to join this social/educational program. We welcome returning and new students!

Rick Concoff, MA, 707-477-9196

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Many Opportunities to Get Involved

In September I had the opportunity to speak at the monthly gathering of the Men's Bagel Club. The selfdescribed "Bagel Boys" cooked up a wonderful breakfast and created a welcoming space for all to attend. I was interviewed "Charlie Rose" style by Jerry Newman and we had a wonderful conversation followed by Q&A with the attendees. This group is one example of the many, many committees and volunteers who keep our congregation thriving. Our members'

involvement gives me great pride in our Shomrei Torah family. Our volunteer-driven efforts foster memberto-member connections resulting in meaningful relationships. It is the personal interactions that keep us committed and engaged. These relationships—with our clergy, staff, and each other—promote a sense of belonging and strengthen us as a community.

Opportunities for involvement abound! Learn more by reading the monthly Voice



Rachael Cutcher

newsletter, check out The View (our quick guide to CST programs, holidays and special events), visit the Shomrei Torah website, attend Shabbat services, visit the office, or contact a member of the board.

-Rachael

Introducing... Our STaRS Teachers

To read more about our teachers, please check the Shomrei Torah website





Denise Harrison Kindergarten

I've been at Shomrei Torah for over 30 years and also work in the temple office. Judaism holds a special place in my heart and my goal is to create that special place in the hearts of the children as well!



Jordan Goldstein 4th Grade

I graduated from University of Arizona with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice. I worked at Hillel and was a member of *Chaverim*. I am currently employed at Sonoma County Children's Village.

Emmy Wagner 1st Grade

I have just returned from India where I worked with families have been victims of human trafficking. Currently, I am attending SSU continuing my education of Child Development.



Sarah Sterne 5th Grade

I grew up in Los Angeles where I was a Jewish Studies major at American Jewish University. I now am the Director of Jewish Student Life at Hillel of Sonoma County and run the Sonoma County Tribe, a Jewish social group for young professionals.





Ilana Stoelting 2nd Grade

Born and raised in Sonoma County, I attended UC Davis and received my degree in Biological Sciences. I ran Hillel of Sonoma County for a year and now work as a park ranger along the coast.



Marcia Gladstone 6th Grade

I have been teaching for over 45 years and have been part of STaRS since its inception. I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education and philosophy of religion and advanced degrees in special education and child psychology.

Norman Eisley 3rd Grade

My wife Sharon and I have been living in Santa Rosa for over 15 years. I taught ESL to children and adults while living in Taiwan. My Grandfather was an Orthodox Rabbi and I spent about a year living on kibbutzim in Israel studying Hebrew. I also speak Spanish and Mandarin.



Malcolm McElheney Music

I am originally from Sacramento and recently graduated from New York University where I studied Jewish Youth Programming. I am a proud alumni of NFTY and have spent twelve summers at URJ Camp Newman.



Care packages for college students!



Matzah toffee, a wind-up dreidel, a Seder plate, chocolate gelt—just a taste of what we sent last year to 45 Shomrei Torah college students. Would your college student enjoy some holiday treats during the 2015 – 2016 school year? Let us know his or her college address and we will send fun and delicious Hanukkah and Passover greetings from their Shomrei Torah family! Current addresses needed by the end of October for both mailings and by the beginning of March for the Passover mailing. If your student has a change of address during the school year, please update the info by contacting the CST office at the email address below.

Please email the CST office (ra@cstsr.org) with the following information: your student's name, college name, year in school, college mailing address, email, plus your name, phone number, and email.

We would love to include all college students! If your student received mailings last year, you will need to resubmit information to be included again this year, even if the address hasn't changed.

Would you like to help bake or assemble the packages? Contact Nancy Ferrick at nferrick@aol.com.

Presidents Wall

You may have noticed that we now have a wall dedicated to the fabulous presidents of our congregation, next to the Kolbo Room. Many thanks to the following people for helping this project come to fruition: Janet Gelfman, Anne Matalon and Susan Bailyn.



Thanks!

Our appreciation to Carol Berlant, Mari Doxiadis, Meryl Fischer, Nannette Garner, Rich Sleeper, and Judy Watts for their help with stuffing the over 500 High Holy Day mailings! And thanks to Carol Berlant and Linda Bornstein for helping to prepare kids' projects during the High Holy Days.

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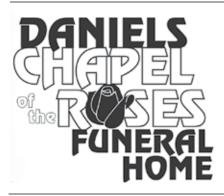
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OCTOBER SERVICES

Friday, October 2 (Sukkot)

6:15 pm — Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 3 (Sukkot)

Weekly Torah portion: Shabbat Hamoed Sukkot 8:45 am — Torah Study 10:30 am — *Shabbat Service* Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Newbold 10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Friday, October 9

6:15 pm – Rabbi's Tisch sponsored by the Legacy Circle

Saturday, October 10

Weekly *Torah* portion: *B'reishit* 8:45 am — Torah Study Led by Judith Goleman 10:30 am — Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Neustadt 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, October 16

6:15 pm — Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 17

Weekly *Torah* portion: *Noach* 8:45 am — Torah Study 10:30 am — Shabbat Service

Friday, October 23

6:15 pm — Shabbat Service Music of Debbie Friedman

Saturday, October 24

Weekly *Torah* portion: *Lech L'cha* 10:30 am — Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Flores 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, October 30

6:15 pm — *New member oneg*

Saturday, October 31

Weekly Torah portion: Vayeira 8:45 am — Torah Study Led by Rabbi Meredith Kahn 10:30 am — Shabbat Service

See our latest calendar at www.cstsr.org

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- 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.

