



Rabbi's Tisch with Dr. Elaine Leeder "American Jewish Radicals: The Lesser-Known Stories"

Friday, April 12, 6:15 PM

\$18 suggested donation for the catered dinner; please RSVP to the office. All are welcome regardless of your ability to pay.

At a time when America has major political and social problems, it becomes necessary to look at previous times in history to learn methods of coping. American Jewish radicals



have long been at the forefront of major social change efforts. Dr. Elaine Leeder will speak on her research on American Jewish radicals, beginning with early Jewish radicals in the labor movement and other social justice efforts. She will also discuss more recent Jewish activists and their influence on American politics and social change.

Leeder has a PhD from Cornell University and was able to interview many activists in the New York area. She has written four books that have been used at universities around the country. Additionally, she has traveled around the world three times on Semester at Sea, studying family life in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Leeder is involved in restorative justice activity in California, having run groups for people serving life sentences at San Quentin. Now she facilitates Victim/Offender Dialogues statewide.



Passover Seder – Reserve today!

Saturday, April 20, 6:15 PM

Passover at Shomrei Torah is more than the retelling of the ancient story of the Exodus; it also honors our ongoing struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. At our annual *Seder* on the second night of Passover, we welcome both members and non-members. Seating in the sanctuary is limited; please reserve your seat today to ensure your place at our *Seder* table.

The cost is as follows:

\$36.00 member adult

\$46.00 non-member adult

\$18.00 member child (12 and under)

\$23.00 non-member child (12 and under)

Free for children under age 5.

Reservations are required as well as meal preference of chicken or vegan.

Please bring wine to share with your table. RSVP to the office.

Congregational Retreat

April 26–28, 2019

Please join your congregational family for a community healing retreat. Activities or "chill-tivities" for every type of CST family, big or small – fun for all! Bring your spouse, your kids, your grandparents or just yourself. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Marin Headlands which are completely accessible for all, close to the beach and ocean air and a break from Sonoma County allergies. Fun includes hiking, art, study, campfire, lighthouse tour, yoga, or sitting with your book surrounded by nature.



Location: Point Bonita YMCA, Sausalito

Price includes the whole weekend – lodging, meals and activities!

Adults 18+: \$200

Kids 4-17: \$125

Kids 0-3: FREE

Family cap of \$500

Scholarships available upon request. Final payment due by March 15, 2019. Reserve your spot with a non-refundable \$100 deposit by contacting the office.

Bagel Club

Sunday, April 7, 9:00 AM

\$7-\$10 donation requested.

Please RSVP to cstbagelmen@gmail.com or (707) 829-1388

Our April topic will be announced in the upcoming Chai-Lites, we look forward to seeing you. We are gathering ideas for new and exciting programs for the rest of this year and next. If you have a topic idea or want to help out with the 22nd year of the Shomrei Torah Bagel Club, please email us.



Recently, a Bagel Club member took part in helping prepare meals at the Nightingale Center for homeless men and women recovering from medical problems. It was noticed that the soup bowls and plates they were using were worn and there were no soup spoons, so the Bagel Club donated 16 place settings and soup spoons to the program to help make the residents stay more pleasant.



Diversity and Inclusivity Summit "Creating a Culture of Inclusion" Led by Dr. David Neufeld

Monday, April 8, 6:30-8:30 PM

Free, bring a friend.

In this experiential, interactive session, Dr. David of Jewish Learning Works will guide you through games and activities designed to create and lift up personal connections to difference and diversity of all kinds. We will do some concrete thinking about how to translate our personal connections to differences and passions about diversity into action, empowering us to create positive changes in our own communities. We'll share ideas, learn from each other, and go back to the world ready to make a difference.

Jewish Literary Circle

The Jew Store by Stella Suberman

Thursday, April 11, 6:15 PM

FREE, all are welcome, please RSVP to the office.

The Jewish Literary Circle, one of the Life Long Learning programs, meets monthly to read Jewish literature and other published material in an atmosphere of stimulating discussion. Participants choose the reading selections for the next three months.

Upcoming Dates:

May 16, 6:15 PM:

Gimpel the Fool and other Stories by Isaac Bashevis Singer

June 20, 6:15 PM

Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Build

Saturday, April 13, 11:30 AM -4:00 PM

Free lunch provided, please RSVP to the office.

Please join your Shomrei Torah congregation and the entire Santa Rosa community as we build a playhouse for Habitat for Humanity! Building and painting will take place here at CST and the finished playhouse will be delivered to a Habitat for Humanity home. All ages are welcome, lunch will be served following Shabbat morning service. Invite your family and friends to this wonderful community event!





Bagel Making with Cy Wilcox

Sunday, April 14 from 12:00-3:00 PM

Free, please RSVP to the office

Learn to bake chewy and delicious New York style water bagels. No more having them shipped from NY—make them

yourself! Participants will learn to mix bagel dough, shape, boil, dress them up with your favorite toppings and bake. Class will be approximately 3 hours and will conclude with a bagel and a schmear.



CHALLAH MAKING with Sherry Knazan

Thursday, May 23, 6:30-8:30 PM

Free, please RSVP to the office

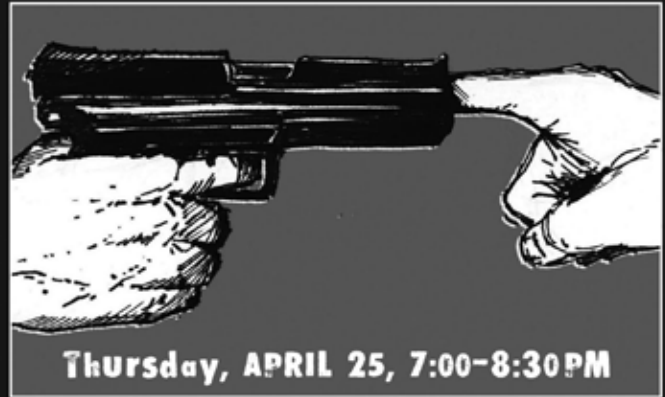
Always wanted to make your own challah, but were afraid to try? Then this class is for you! Join Sherry Knazan, weekly *challah* baker, for some mixing, kneading, braiding and learning about *challah* traditions. You will taste some yummy *challah* while in class, practice braiding your own loaf, and then take the unbaked loaf home to either freeze and bake later, or bake as soon as you get home! If you are able, please bring your own mixer. All other materials will be provided.



TEACH A CLASS?

CST would love to offer classes for *matzoh* ball soup, brisket, gefilte fish, knishes or your bubbe's favorite. Volunteer to teach these or other classes. Please contact the office.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMUNITY FORUM



Gun Violence Prevention Community Forum with Congressman Mike Thompson

Thursday April 25, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to the office.

Limited parking, carpooling encouraged.

Join Congressman Mike Thompson and Shomrei Torah's Social Action Committee for a forum on gun violence prevention and pending legislation. We will have a panel of speakers, offering varied perspectives from individuals and professionals who have been impacted by gun violence.

Our panel will include:

- **Ruth Moore, Middle School Teacher**
- **Joshua Weil, MD, Asst. Physician-in-Chief Hospital Operations, Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Kaiser Hospital**
- **Kathleen Pozzi, Sonoma County Public Defender**
- **Jeannine Ruggeiro, Las Vegas Shooting Survivor**

There will be time for questions and discussion, as well as action steps we can collectively take as a community.

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Freedom is an Inside Job

With Passover around the corner, my mind naturally turns towards its many themes. This year, I am especially interested in how we can relate Passover to our inner lives.

The story of the Exodus from Egypt that we retell at *Pesach* is rich with metaphor. Many years ago, my colleague and close friend, Rabbi Margaret Holub in Mendocino, wrote about how her own personal Egypt, her “twice narrow place” (a word-play on the Hebrew word for Egypt, *Mitzrayim*) was seasonal depression, and Exodus, the splitting of her personal “sea,” was Prozac. This revelation was a big deal at the time, an act of great vulnerability that opened the door for many other folks in the Jewish community, both lay and rabbinic, to talk about their own struggles with mental illness. It’s also an excellent example of how the themes of *Pesach* can apply to us on a deeply personal level.

Hassidism, the most psychologically sophisticated of the Jewish movements, offers a helpful framework for working internally with the Exodus narrative. According to Hassidic thought, we often see the world in one of two ways: *mochin d’katnut*, in a small-minded way, and



Rabbi George

mochin d’gadlut, with a more expansive perspective. In the Talmud there is a story that illustrates how this can work: At the moment the Red Sea parted, all of Israel was captivated by the awe of the moment—except for two Israelites, Shimon and Levi, who were upset about the mud on their shoes and missed the miracle altogether. One can imagine their conversation, “Oy! This mud is horrible! Look what it is doing to my new sandals! We would be better off in Egypt than to have to slog through this muck!”

This story might seem silly, until you realize how often we allow ourselves to be distracted by petty concerns—shiny objects that grab attention, rendering us oblivious to the miracles all around us. Cell phone screens come to mind; how much do we miss with our heads bowed as we stare at the little screen? How much life, beauty, and personal

connection with others do we forego because of that form of *mochin d’katnut*?

On a more personal level, it seems to me that many of the interpersonal issues we struggle with are a result of a small-minded view of others. When we judge others, essentially objectifying the other person, we stop seeing them as a human being and place them in the small-minded box of “the other” or, worse, the enemy. When that happens, the conflict becomes a zero-sum game where there is a “winner” and a “loser” and everyone suffers.

I often see this form of *mochin d’katnut* in my work at Shomrei Torah. A member of our community will come see me about some family *tzuris*. They’re not talking to their children, lost touch with a sibling, upset with a co-worker. At first it is hard for them to recall just what happened but eventually the story falls out like a broken part off the undercarriage of a car. Words were said, or not said, something was remembered, or forgotten. Whatever happened, inadvertently or on purpose, feelings were hurt and one or both parties moved into a small-minded perspective where they could only think the worst of the other person. The sad part is not that this happens; rather, it’s

that we get stuck there. It becomes our Egypt and we become slaves to this narrow and distorted view of the other person.

On the other hand, if we can move out of that box of small-mindedness to *mochin d’gadlut*, a larger, more generous place, we begin to see the other not as an object of our anger but as another human being like us, just trying to make our way in the world. When that happens, our hearts soften, and we naturally become more compassionate and understanding. Understanding and empathy replace judgment and recrimination and, before we know it, we are back in relationship again.

Given how hard it is to resolve some of the conflicts we find ourselves in, it would be foolish to suggest that the movement from *mochin d’katnut* to *mochin d’gadlut* is easy. It is always hard to free ourselves from slavery, whether that bondage is physical, emotional, or psychological. And yet, it is one of the only things over which we have true control. As the seas parted for the Israelites, may we all in some way move from *mochin d’katnut* to *mochin d’gadlut* this *Pesach*.

Hag Sameach!

Shabbat Service Honoring Malcolm McElheney

Friday, May 3, 6:15 PM

Please join us for this very special Shabbat Service and community sendoff as we honor Malcolm and the four years he has given to our congregation!



To my Congregational Family,

In the weeks following the completion of the religious school year, I will end my tenure at Shomrei Torah. I have accepted admission to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and will begin a three-year Master's program with both the Rhea Hirsch School of Jewish Education and the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management. This program also allows me the privilege of spending the 2019-2020 academic year at their campus in Jerusalem, before returning stateside to their campus in Los Angeles

for the remaining two years. I am incredibly excited to start this next chapter of my life, and I am exceedingly grateful to this community.

Since I began in 2015, I have had the absolute pleasure to serve as your Youth and Music Coordinator and a Cantorial Soloist. Working with all of you, children and adults, has given me the space to grow as a Jewish professional and as a leader. Whether in a classroom, on the *bimah*, or the Shabbat table, I have been witness to a community who values one another and the responsibility that being Jewish requires. For all this, and more, I am exceedingly grateful. I want to extend a sincere "*todah rabbah*" to each and every one of you. Your support allowed me to be here in the first place; and your kindness, generosity, passion, resilience, and commitment to social justice encouraged me to stay. I'm so glad to have you all.

In my four years, I've learned so much about youth empowerment and education, community organizing, and leadership. Working with our students has expanded my knowledge of Judaism and the Hebrew language. Seeing so many committed parents, step-parents, and grandparents, has shown me a shining example of modern Jewish parenting. The lessons I take from this community could fill a book.

Soon, you will have the pleasure to meet Morgan Folger, who will be taking on this position after her graduation from UC Santa Barbara. Morgan and I both grew up at B'nai Israel in Sacramento, served on the board for NFTY-Central West in the same position, and I was even her Hebrew school *madrich*! You are incredibly lucky to have her on your team. She is going to bring so much to the table and I am so happy for her.

This is not "good-bye", but rather a "*Thitra'ot*", see you later. My hope is to join Shomrei Torah for High Holy Days while I am studying in Los Angeles. I will not forget the places and the people who got me to this point. Next year in Jerusalem.

Malcolm J. McElheney

על קיום ג'ימס מכא להני

Please Welcome Morgan Our New Youth & Music Coordinator!



Hello everyone! I'm from Sacramento but I am currently in Santa Barbara, finishing my undergraduate degrees in English and Religious studies at UCSB. Growing up in Sacramento, my synagogue was a second home to me, and I took advantage of all the programs my congregation had to offer.

From *Bat Mitzvah* to *madricha* to camper and service leader, being a part of my synagogue gave me opportunities to grow amid a fantastic community. My Jewish experiences growing up have led me to continue my Jewish involvement and education in Santa Barbara. I have joined a Jewish sorority, am serving on the Hillel board, and am a religious school teacher at the local synagogue.

Over the past four summers, I have worked at Camp Newman as a counselor, song leader, and unit head. In my free time you can usually find me hiking, cooking, reading, and crocheting. I am incredibly excited to be a part of, and work with, the Shomrei Torah community and share my passion for Judaism, Jewish programming, and Jewish music with you all!

Morgan Folger

**Yom Hashoah
Commemoration
Facing Fear: A Youth
Perspective on the
Holocaust and
Anti-Semitism
Wednesday, May 1
6:15 PM**



All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to be overwhelmed by fear.

--Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

Join us for CST's annual candlelighting commemorating *Yom Hashoah*. This year's theme is Facing Fear: A Youth Perspective on the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism. Several of our own CST students will be sharing their thoughts with us.

As is our tradition, CST and community members will light candles in memory of the many victims of the Holocaust and other genocides. The evening will also feature music by Cantorial Soloist Erica Wisner and the CST choir. Please join us for what will be a very moving and uplifting experience.



SAC Presents "White Right – Meeting the Enemy"

Saturday May 4, 7:00 PM

Film & Guest Speaker Arno Michaelis. This event is Free.

The Social Action Committee of Congregation Shomrei Torah is excited to present an unforgettable evening focused on the rise of white supremacist hate in the United States and how we can address the problem.

In an Emmy-winning documentary, acclaimed Muslim filmmaker Deeyah Khan meets U.S. neo-Nazis and white nationalists, including Richard Spencer, face to face and attends the now-infamous Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, as she seeks to understand the personal and political motivations behind the resurgence of far-right extremism in the U.S. The film shows Khan meeting with white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups who believe they are at the forefront of a coming race war in America. She focuses on the people behind these movements, their motivations, beliefs and justifications.

What drives such deep-rooted hatred? How can outsiders try to understand such extremist views? What can be done to challenge such positions and foster a more inclusive society? At a time when debates on immigration and enhanced border walls are ever-present in US political discourse, this film offers an important look into race relations and far-right ideology.

Following the screening, Arno Michaelis, a former racist skinhead who appears in the film, will talk about his struggle with his past and his journey to become an advocate for social justice. Michaelis became a white supremacist when he was 17 and helped found the Northern Hammerskins, one of the largest skinhead organizations in the world. He was a "reverend" of the self-declared "Racial Holy War," a cause popularized by American politician and religious leader Ben Klassen, who said white people should unite and start a holy war against Jews and other minorities. Michaelis was also the lead singer of the hate-metal band Centurion. He eventually left the movement after eight years.

Arno Michaelis is the co-author of *My Life After Hate*, and is a sought after international speaker and educator on combating racism through his work with Serve2Unite, an organization that fosters inclusive, compassionate and non-violent environments in schools and communities across the United States.

This very special event is free and open to the public. Parking is limited and carpooling is strongly encouraged. For more information call 707-578-5519 or www.cstsr.org or connect on Facebook.

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Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration

Wednesday, May 8, 6:15pm

Free dinner provided, please RSVP to the office.

Join us for a free Israeli dinner and showing of the Israeli movie classic Salah Shabati, starring Hayim Topal.



May Rabbi's Tisch with Dr. Steven Gelber "American Antisemitism: An Ambiguous Legacy"

Friday, May 10, 6:15 PM

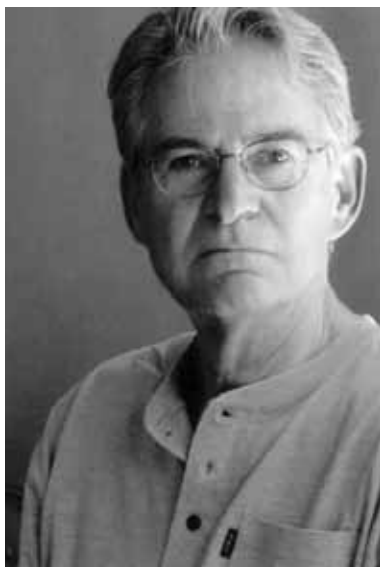
\$18 suggested donation for the catered dinner; please RSVP to the office.

The recent mass killing of Jews in Pittsburgh, along with numerous reports of an increase in other anti-semitic incidents in America and Europe, has raised anxiety among Jews and concerns that historic anti-Jewish patterns may be reemerging. This *tisch*-talk will explore the unique nature of American antisemitism, focusing on the way that traditional Christian antisemitism has had to accommodate the fundamental American ethos of equality and nondiscrimination.

From Peter Stuyvesant, who attempted to turn away a handful of Jewish immigrants from Brazil, to contemporary Evangelicals who are among Israel's most ardent supporters in the U.S., Christians in America have both rejected and embraced Jews. By understanding the inherently contradictory sources of Christian attitudes toward Jews in America, we can better understand both the reasons why antisemitism can increase and how historic patterns may keep it in check.

Steven Gelber is professor-emeritus of American history from Santa Clara University where he taught for forty years. He is the author of four scholarly books and a dozen articles on American socio-economic history. He has written about New Deal art, the origins of amateur baseball, the history of hobbies, and automobile sales, among other topics.

Steven has been a member of CST since 2010, when he married Angela Gelber and moved to Santa Rosa from San Jose. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Museum of Sonoma County, and is a dedicated, but only mildly successful, woodworker.



BROADWAY SHABBAT

Broadway Shabbat

Friday, May 17, 6:15 PM

Broadway Shabbat is heading our way! Come hear your favorite prayers set to your favorite Broadway melodies. This special service will integrate our beloved prayers with some of Broadway's most well-known tunes—from classic to contemporary. This is not to be missed! Immediately following services will be a mouthwatering New York themed *Oneg Shabbat*!



Shabbat Sha-Boogie!

May 24, 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Free, includes dinner, please RSVP to the office.

Shabbat Sha-Boogie is a very special Shabbat experience for families with children 3rd grade and under! Begin with a short service with music, dancing and stories - and then enjoy a light dinner and dessert with all of your new friends! Regular Shabbat services will follow at 6:15 PM.

The San Francisco Yiddish Combo returns to Shomrei Torah!

Sunday, June 2, from 7-9 PM

Free! Bring a friend. Please RSVP to the office.



Join us for a rollicking good time that will include noshing and schmoozing.

The San Francisco Yiddish Combo (SFYC) was formed by accident when a love of Klezmer music collided with their collective backgrounds in every genre except Klezmer. Now the SFYC has embarked on a journey around the world to present their own unique blend of everything that is Klezmer, mixed with years of experience in the jazz, blues, folk, and even hip hop world.

Made up of classically trained musicians who enjoy stretching musical boundaries, the SFYC is led by cellist Rebecca Roudman who has fronted groups all over the world bringing her virtuosic and fiery playing to stages from China to Italy and beyond. Check out the SFYC for a fresh spin on Klezmer with plenty of recognizable nods to an eclectic mix of genres.

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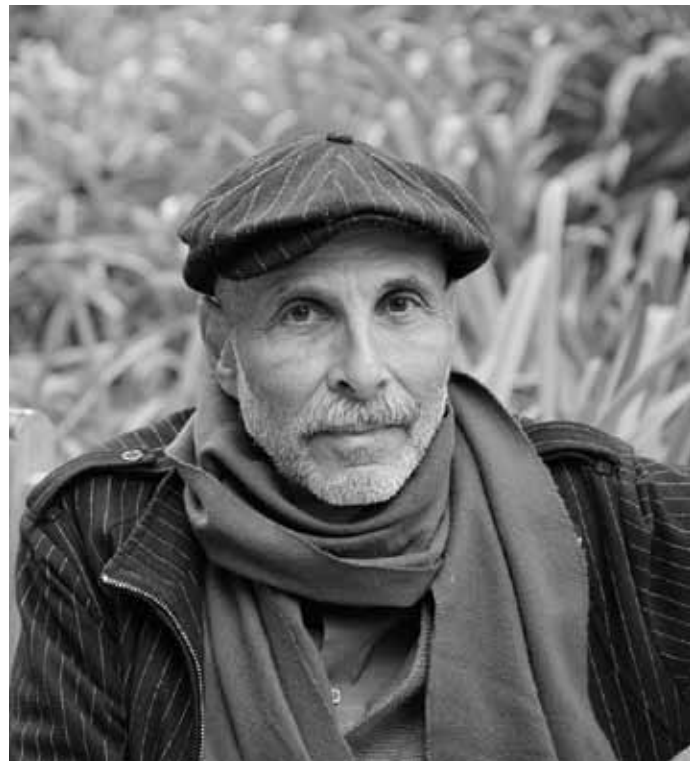
June Rabbi's Tisch with Andrew Ramer "What the Rabbis Left Out We Can Put Back"

Friday, June 14, 6:15 PM

\$18 Suggested donation for dinner, please RSVP to the office.

How do we retell our ancient stories to make them relevant to all of us? Andrew Ramer will be reading from his work, *Fragments of the Brooklyn Talmud*, and talking about the ways in which we can use *midrash* - interpretive texts - to bring the *Tanach* alive for our own time, in ways that include people who have been historically left out of the texts. Think - Jacob making love with an angel. Think - Dinah's girlfriend. Think - of the various ways to observe the 6th of Av - the anniversary of Spinoza's excommunication.

Andrew Ramer is the author of *Queering the Text: Biblical, Medieval, and Modern Jewish Stories*, *Torah Told Different: Stories for a Pan/Poly/Post-Denominational Era*, *Deathless: The Complete, Uncensored, Heartbreaking, and Amazing Autobiography of Serach bat Asher, the Oldest Woman in the World*, and *Fragments of the Brooklyn Talmud*. An ordained maggid, many of his prayers appear in the inclusive feminist LGBTQ siddur of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in San Francisco. He lives in Oakland, California.



Stars of Hope

During *Hanukkah*, Shomrei Torah painted Stars of Hope as a way to spread hope and light to those affected by the Woolsey fire in Southern CA. The Stars were sent to Temple Adat Elohim in Thousand Oaks who has thanked us for adding brightness to their community.



TODAH RABAH!

"...everything that I created I created for you. Be careful not to spoil or destroy my world -- for if you do, there will be nobody after you to repair it.

— Deut. 30:19

The Environmental Action Committee's (EAC) Tip of the Month first appeared in the Voice in 2007. This continued, without interruption, until the December/January 2019 issue. We hope this is just a temporary hiatus; however, at this time, no one is available to develop the tips.

We wish to acknowledge those members who devoted time to this EAC feature during the past 12 years: Beth Lamb, Lorna Myers, Rick Reisman, Susan Richter and Bill Skoonberg. In addition, from 2007 to 2014, Bill did the layout for the tips, including the years he was the volunteer graphic designer of the Voice (2009—2013). *Todah Rabah* to these EAC members for their service to Shomrei Torah, to our members and to the planet.

You can always access the tips in booklet form on the EAC's web page: www.shomreitorah.org/community/environmental-action. The booklet was compiled by Bill through 2014 and most recently, Lynne Belmont added the remainder of the tips through January 2019 into the booklet. If you might enjoy developing the tips, please contact the office.



**Jewish Teens Love
CHAVERIM**

Chaverim is the countywide JCCSOCO Jewish Teen Education Program. Jewish teens from all over the county meet by grade level twice monthly on a week night for dinner and a compelling discussion.

It's time to sign up for Fall 2019 (8th-12th grade)! Register by contacting Rick Concoff, Teen Education Director, at (707)477-9196, concoff@yahoo.com, or visit the "teen tab" at jccsoco.org.

Actions You Can Take To Save The Environment Around You!



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Another Exciting JuSTY Event!

Twenty-one 2nd-5th graders spent an exciting afternoon at the Windsor Bowling center for JuSTY's final event of the school year. The students enjoyed a few rounds of bowling, a tasty lunch of pizza and soda, and finished it up at their 9-hole black light mini golf course. We are so glad that this young community had a great time and we hope they formed stronger connections and friendships.

JuSTY is Shomrei Torah's 2nd-5th grade youth group. They have social events around 3 times per year. Stay tuned for next year's JuSTY events!



Board Wrap up

February's meeting covered a lot of ground from approving the installation of new cabinets for the Kolbo Room to the launch of a new CST Program called "What's Cooking?". Susan Bailyn is coordinating this popular new monthly program that has members sharing and teaching others how to make their favorite Jewish recipes. Feel free to reach out to Susan with ideas to share your favorite dish or dessert.

A brand new committee was launched called the Culture Committee, headed by Beverly McChesney, Dena Lash and Catherine Reisman. Their task is to plan concerts and other fun cultural/entertainment experiences. Their first event, The Folk Experience, was held on the last Sunday of March. Keep an eye out for more information and if you have ideas for future events or, want to become involved, let them know!

In October there was consensus amongst the Board that we needed to update our fundraising model and we are. Our new annual fundraiser will be called Tradition of Giving (TOG) and there will be news about this new endeavor coming your way in the next few months.

We also continued to discuss the new Recycle/Compost/Trash guidelines from Recology in order to figure out the proper protocols. More on that coming soon as well.

Finally - don't forget to sign up for our Congregational Annual Retreat the weekend of April 26-28 at Point Bonita - it's sure to be a fun filled, memorable weekend!

Until next month...



Purim Carnival

On March 10th, the religious school and the Jewish community of Sonoma County celebrated Purim at our annual carnival! It was a treat seeing so many kids and families enjoying the fun, winning some prizes, and dressing up in costume.

Shomrei Torah wants to extend a hearty *todah rabbah*, thank you very much, to David Gottlieb who put many hours into making the carnival a fun and memorable experience for everyone. We also want to thank the numerous volunteers, teachers and madrichim who helped make the Purim Carnival a success!



Volunteers Needed!

The temple staff wishes to thank the recent volunteers who have given us their time in the office to help us with the many tasks required to help keep the temple running smoothly. Our deepest appreciation is extended. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis or even just once, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f48a9a62aa57-office.

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Every Thursday, 4:00 to 5:30 PM

1717 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa

Thirteen years ago, CST partnered with Christ Church United Methodist to open Elisha's Pantry. A few years later, we were joined by Bethlehem Lutheran Church. All three faith-based organizations send volunteers to work every Thursday, and we are in need of the following:

1. Volunteers to help distribute canned goods, fresh vegetables, fruit and other products — Thursdays starting at 3:00 PM and ending by 5:45 PM — volunteers are always shade and rain protected.
2. Volunteers to pick up items for the Pantry at the Redwood Empire Food Bank in Santa Rosa – Wednesday from 10 AM to Noon - requires transportation vehicle and light lifting of up to 25 lbs.

All volunteers are welcome — families, teens, singles, couples. To sign up or for more information, please call Stephen Harper at (707) 332-2759 or (707) 527-0196. Volunteer dates are assigned as we cannot handle drop-in volunteers.

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APRIL SERVICES

Friday, April 5

6:15 pm – *Shabbat Service*

Saturday, April 6

Weekly Torah portion: *Tazria*

8:45 am – *Torah study led by Rabbi George*

10:30 am – *Shabbat Service*

Friday, April 12

6:15 pm – *Rabbi's Tisch with Elaine Leeder*

Saturday, April 13

Weekly Torah portion: *Metzora*

8:45 am – *Torah study led by Lee Spitzer*

10:30 am – *Shabbat Service*

Friday, April 19

No Shabbat Services:
1st Night Passover

Saturday, April 20

Weekly Torah portion:

Exodus 12:21-51, Numbers 28:16-25

8:45 am – *Torah Study led by Rabbi George*

10:30 am – *Shabbat Service*

6:15 pm – *Passover Seder*

Friday, April 26

6:15 pm – *Shabbat Service*

Saturday, April 27

Weekly Torah portion:

Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17, Numbers 28:19-25

8:45 am – *Torah study led by Rabbi Stephanie*

10:30 am – *Shabbat Service*

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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.