



Shomrei Torah – The best place to be on the 4th of July

The best place to see the 4th of July fireworks is from the patio of Shomrei Torah. Again this year, the Men's Bagel Club will create a fun filled Shomrei Torah event with live music, magic, face painting, popcorn, ice cream, and the very best view of the Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds Fireworks Show. There will be activities for children. You'll have ample opportunity to meet and schmooze with other Shomrei members. Your potluck desserts along with the treats provided by the food experts of the Men's Bagel Club, will provide a tasty culinary experience. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. You'll have to bring your own wine or beer.

Available only to Shomrei Torah members and their guests, the doors will open at 7:30 PM with the music and entertainment starting at 8 PM and going until the big Fireworks show starts around 9:30. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling Denise



at (707) 578-5519 to reserve your place for this event. Pre-registration will ensure you a space at the party and will save you money as well. For those who preregister and pre-pay, the charge is \$12 per adult; \$6 for teens, and children 12 and under are free. If you pay at the door, the charge is \$15 per adult and \$7 for teens.

In order to provide enough parking, carpooling is encouraged and the fourth adult or teen in any car will be free. A Shomrei Torah member will have to be in any car coming into the parking lot. A parking spot will be guaranteed to all who pre-pay.

More details will be coming soon, so be sure to check your email and regular mail.

All proceeds from this event help support Shomrei Torah and the programs that benefit us, the members of the Congregation. We look forward to seeing you at Shomrei Torah for the July 4th bash!

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FUN AND FOOD
FOR ALL!

SUNDAY **AUGUST 18** FROM 10 – 3

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NETWORK and NOSH

Brand new at CST! Network with other CST members to build all of our businesses together. Come to our free KICK-OFF breakfast on **Thursday, June 13th, 7:00 – 8:15 a.m.**, Kolbo Room. Bring lots of business cards and your appetite. Raffles and prizes!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 5th to Stormy Knight at stormy@net101.com or Susan Bailyn at susan@bailyngraphics.com.

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Wrestling Jerusalem

Saturday, June 15

6:00 pm Reception with the Playwright

7:00 pm Performance

Please join us on June 15 for a special Sonoma County performance of the solo play, "Wrestling Jerusalem," about a young American, Israel, and a question of conscience. Written and performed by Aaron Davidman, this outstanding performance comes to Shomrei Torah with support from the New Israel Fund, and guests are invited to gather before the performance for a glass of wine, cheese, and schmoozing with the playwright.

From Socialist summer camp in New York to the Western Wall in Jerusalem to the Separation Barrier in the West Bank, Aaron brings together and invites empathy for the different voices from America, Israel and Palestine to address some of the most provocative issues of our time. Wrestling Jerusalem was commissioned by Theatre J of Washington D.C. and developed in part by The Jewish Theater San Francisco, Sundance Institute Theater Program and Playwrights Foundation.

Aaron Davidman is known to Bay Area audiences as an actor, director and playwright and was the former artistic director of Traveling Jewish Theatre. He was kind enough to answer some questions about his play for us:

Can you tell us a little about the play?

Aaron: "Wrestling Jerusalem" is a very personal story about Jewish identity, progressive politics and my love for Israel. From Jewish Socialist summer camp at 10 years old, to my discovery of Israel at 25, to my interviews of Israelis and Palestinians a few years ago, the play follows my own path of discovery and the different people I meet along the way. It covers a 30 year period and gives voice to many different people whose lives are deeply affected by the conflict.

What inspired you to write this play?

Aaron: This is one of three plays I've written about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in an effort to help stir up a more nuanced and complex public conversation about the issues facing Israelis and Palestinians. The roar of Right vs. Left has kept our community both embattled and stagnant and my hope is that this play can help move the conversation forward. Polemic does not serve us. We need to be able to take the time to digest the multiple layers of the issues at hand. The play is crafted to do just this and to spark conversation.

Will there be a conversation after the performance?

Aaron: Yes. New Israel Fund is sponsoring a post-performance dialogue that lets the audience reflect on what they just saw. I've been so moved by what people have to say after the performance. Theatre gathers us together. Unlike TV or our computer screens, we have to deal with each other. It's so human and we don't gather together enough these days.



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"Pot Luck Oneg"

Friday, June 28 – 6:15 pm

Following the lead of some traditions successful in other congregations, we are having a "pot luck oneg" before and following services on Friday, June 28,

If you plan to attend this Erev Shabbat service at 6:15 pm, come a little early and bring a nosh.....anything vegetarian will work, and finger foods are best. We will be harvesting some local goodies by that point, so fresh veggies and fruits will be welcome. Cheeses, breads, olives, cookies, homemade or not, will be appreciated. If you have a special dish, bring it! The Oneg committee will provide wine, challot and beverages. If possible, please call our office at 578-5519 and let us know what you are bringing. However, even if you don't call, please come and bring what you can. Hope to see a big, hungry crowd!

Pet Blessing

Sunday, June 9 from

10:30 am – Noon

Welcome to all well-behaved pets and their families! Have your pet blessed by Rabbi George, feed and pet farm animals, see llama shearings, and meet alpacas. Last year there were dogs and cats and even a bird! Kid friendly. Please no high heels or unattended pets at any time. Please RSVP for a reservation and directions to our CST office at 578-5519 or denise@shomreitorah.org.



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SC Tribe

Come join us for another fun beer tasting at the new Heritage Public House in Santa Rosa! We will meet there at 7:30 pm on June 22nd.

On July 30th SC Tribe heads to Oakland to see the Oakland A's play the Blue Jays for Jewish Heritage



Night! Even if baseball is not your thing, come for an evening of hanging out with friends, snacks, some A's themed Jewish paraphernalia, and all around fun. We will be meeting in the Shomrei Torah parking lot at 3pm to carpool. Please RSVP for this as soon as possible so that enough tickets are purchased, and carpooling can be arranged as needed.

Our wonderful family-style Shabbat dinners these next few months will be on June 28th and July 19 at 6:30 pm. Come for a delicious meal, the Shabbat experience, and the fabulous company. Please RSVP for directions. Hope to see you there!

For questions, concerns, or RSVPs please contact SC Tribe at sonomacountytribe@gmail.com



**Congregant
Adena Wichmann
enjoying The Voice!**

Bagel Club on a Roll

It has been a good year for the Shomrei Torah Men's Bagel Club as we head into the last meeting before the summer break. Since September we have had programs featuring new Shomrei Torah staff, politicians, information about local Jewish and community programs, a touch of traditional Jewish humor, and, of course, the finest lox, cream cheese, bagels, herring and side dishes available in Sonoma County. This year we are again sponsoring a 4th of July evening at Shomrei Torah with the best view of the fireworks from the Fairgrounds. The men from the Bagel Club will also cater the lunch at the Shomrei Torah annual meeting.

At our last meeting we heard from our own Elly Cohen telling us about



"Remember Us", a program born locally that has now gone national. On June 2 we will end our season with another program you will want to attend, along with the necessary lox, bagel and cream cheese feast. All for a donation of \$7. Check the Chai Lites email for details about the program and where to RSVP.



Bereavement Spiritual Support Group

Cosponsored by CST and the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center

Nine weeks beginning Thursday, June 6 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM

Grief is a normal and extremely painful response to loss. Being with an understanding community can help bring comfort and healing to mourners. This group will provide a supportive context with resources drawn from grief counseling models, spiritual care and Jewish tradition to help you through the mourning process. The nine-week series, facilitated by Rabbi Natan Fenner of the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, is for people who are grieving the death of a person. The group is open to Shomrei Torah congregants as well as members of the wider community. Pre-registration is required, as the group is limited to eight participants and drop-ins cannot be accommodated. Cost for the series is \$100 and low-stress financial options are available.

To register, or for more information, please contact the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, 415-750-4197, e-mail gkolthoff@bajhc.org, or visit the BAJHC website, www.jewishhealing.org.

URJ President Rick Jacobs!

A Special Rabbi's Tisch Honoring Rabbi Michael Robinson

Friday, August 9 - 6:15 pm

Some of you never knew Rabbi Michael Robinson, the former CST Rabbi and tireless human rights activist whose guiding presence set the path for Shomrei Torah's work in social action. He marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., protested apartheid at the United Nations, and tackled the homeless problem in Santa Rosa with several "sleep-ins."



Among the many people inspired by Rabbi Michael was Rick Jacobs, currently serving as president of the Union for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Jacobs will be the guest speaker at the annual Rabbi Michael Robinson Memorial Lecture at 6:15 PM on August 9. It will be a Rabbi's Tisch. Rabbi Jacobs' topic will be "Change and Challenge: Reform Judaism at a Crossroads".

Dedicated to global social justice issues, Rabbi Jacobs founded and co-directed the first Synagogue-based homeless shelter at Brooklyn Heights Synagogue in New York City and was part of a delegation that assessed disaster response following Haiti's devastating earthquake in 2010. He also observed the plight of Darfur refugees as part of an international humanitarian mission to the Chad-Darfur border area in 2005, and in 2009, participated in an annual conference of Muslim and Christian leaders, held in Qatar, designed to build understanding between the West and the Muslim world.

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Rabbi Jacobs is also close to Rabbi George through their studies together at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem where they both are senior Rabbinic Fellows.

For more information on Rabbi Michael who died in 2006, may his memory be a blessing, go to www.rabbimichaelrobinson.com.

Reservations will be required for the Tisch on Aug. 9. Contact the CST office at 707-578-5519 to reserve your spot at this very special event.

Torah for Beginners Gateway into a Jewish approach to Scripture

With Rabbi George Gittleman
*Tuesdays - July 30, August 6,
August 13 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm*

In this class Rabbi George will cover the basics of what Torah is, the rich oral tradition as compared to the written tradition of Jewish spiritual wisdom, the content of the books and how to approach interpretation from a Jewish perspective.

This three-week-class will take place at the Center for Spiritual Living. Look for registration information in an upcoming Chai Lites weekly email or contact the Center for Spiritual Living office at 546-4543.



Shomrei Torah Visits Camp Newman

Friday, August 2 - 4:00 pm

All CST members and their families are invited to visit Camp Newman for Shabbat on August 2. Come join the fun. Register online at <http://newman.urjcamp.org/alumni/reunions/groups/> In order to ensure that every dollar is spent on creating an amazing summer for Camp Newman campers and provide camperships, each visitor is asked to contribute at least \$36 to help cover the costs of opening camp to all of the community. Let's have a large CST turnout!

Congregational Trip To The South

May 5 - 12, 2014

Join Rabbi Kramer and Rabbi George, and CST members on an exciting and unique 6-day trip to the South in May of 2014. The trip has an interesting mix of both Jewish and non-Jewish content. Learn about Jewish involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. Experience



the cities of Birmingham, Memphis, Montgomery, Atlanta and Selma. Visit the Smithsonian Museum of Rock and Soul in Memphis, and much more. Price per person is approximately \$1275 for six days, double occupancy, and \$1475 for a single room (upgraded hotels are more). All expenses, including hotel, meals, ground transportation,



admission to sites, and a full-time guide, are included. Airfare and trip insurance are not included in the price. If you'd like a copy of the detailed itinerary, please visit www.shomreitorah.org/community/south and look for a Chai Lites email announcement of an informational meeting.



Food Fest Committee

The dedicated and hard-working members of the Food Fest Steering Committee Front Row, left to right. Ann DuBay, Susan Bailyn, Ronnie Campagna, Sue Lewis, Paula Handelman, Marcy Pluznick-Marrin, John Weinstein, Linda Bornstein, Paige Sobel Back Row, left to right. Deborah Cutler, Laurie Wesler, Carol Berlant, Shirley Liberman Member not shown: Jessica Sutton; Honorary members not shown: Mark Travis, Steve Abrams, Ann Levy-Howsan.

Connect, Commune and Celebrate

CST Men's Retreat October 18–20
At the Enchanted Hills Retreat Center

This is a wonderful opportunity to form new relationships as well as foster current friendships among the men of Congregation Shomrei Torah. The program begins Friday evening and includes wonderfully prepared meals, services guided by Rabbi George, yoga, sports, wine tasting, educational programs and more. The cost of the retreat is \$250. Sign up now, as spaces are limited. If interested, please contact the CST office (578-5519). Scholarships are available. For more information and a registration form, go to www.shomreitorah.org. Registration closes Friday, September 27.

URJ Biennial

December 11-15, San Diego

Join the Shomrei Torah contingent at the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial Conference in San Diego. More information at the URJ website <http://urj.org/biennial13/> Look for details about our Synagogue's involvement in future issues of the Voice.

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Pregnancy and Kashrut?

With so many of my friends and colleagues pregnant these days, I find myself discussing symptoms and cravings and counting time in weeks. It's not unusual for me to ask a friend how her "papaya" is this week, since many of the new websites compare the size of the fetus with foods.



Photo: the Gelfmans

One of my close colleagues who is pregnant for the first time recently confided that she was craving non-Kosher food. To keep kashrut, she is a vegetarian, yet, the other night on her way home from a long day of work she gave in to her craving for spaghetti with meatballs. This unplanned indulgence could not be Kosher, since the meat would not be certified. She confided that a year ago she might have had this same craving, just not actually indulged it. Now, her response was very different.

I reminded her that the rabbis of the Talmud (our law) actually permit a pregnant woman to break the rules of Kashrut. Rashi explains that in the event that the fetus smells food and craves it, if the mother does not eat the food, both she and the fetus will be in danger (Rashi to Yoma 82a). First, the mother is to dip a reed into the juice and suck on it, and if that does not satisfy her craving, she is to eat the fat of the pork, since nothing can stand in the way of saving a life. The Talmud goes on to explain that the woman can eat up to a certain amount of unfit food

again and again, pausing in between so that she doesn't eat more than the threshold allows at any given time. (Kereisos 13a)

I don't even know what to think about these exceptions to the rules of Kashrut. A colleague generously offered a positive explanation. "Isn't it great that the rabbis were thinking of women's needs during pregnancy?"

I wish I could completely buy into that. Maybe the rabbis thought it was better to make an exception for pregnant women so they needn't feel guilty about their inability to control their urges. Maybe the rabbis were simply scared of their hormonal wives, preferring an exception that allowed them to indulge their cravings than to endure an unhappy wife. Or maybe the rabbis believed that the cravings came from the fetus when it was in danger. Either way, the intricacies and complexities of Talmudic discussions are fascinating and certainly pertain to our lives today

**B'shalom,
Rabbi Kramer**

The Last Word

This is my last President's Message for the Voice and the perfect moment to thank all of you for the confidence, support and trust that you have given me over the past two years. And what an eventful two years it has been. The beginning of my term coincided with the arrival of Rabbi Kramer, who wasted no time making herself indispensable to our Shomrei Torah community, and ends with the arrival of Cantor David Frommer, who officially starts July 1. In between, we found Mark Travis, our new executive director whose impact is registering across every aspect of synagogue life.

The past two years also brought the "wall words," or visual T'filah, with a state-of-the-art projection system in the sanctuary. We introduced the monthly Rabbis' Tisch, which has grown into our best-attended regularly scheduled service. And we've expanded our outreach to attract new faces into our community, from Babies & Bagels to our first-ever public Passover seder this spring. We wrote and implemented a comprehensive Strategic Plan, and are reaping the healthy growth in membership that it helped foster. And there is the Jewish Food Fest, perhaps the most public (and, in terms of sheer numbers, successful) event ever produced at Shomrei Torah.

Of course, all of these achievements have little to do with me personally, and everything to do with the incredible commitment and



talent of our clergy, staff, board, and volunteers. How easy all of you make it to lead such a strong and dynamic community.

If my term can be labeled a success, much of the credit goes to those who modeled the job of president before me. Dianne Smith was president when I joined Shomrei Torah a dozen or so years ago, succeeded by Melissa Kort, Jeremy Olsan, and Marcy Pluznick-Marrin—all of whom exemplified the wisdom, judgment, work ethic, patience, and collaborative spirit that I have tried to emulate.

Though I am proud of all that our community has accomplished during my term, I can't help but acknowledge those larger challenges that remain unmet. There is a mortgage on our building that will come due in a few years' time, a large empty space where our second building should be rising, and a persistent projected deficit in our budget where I'd rather see a zero balance. But thanks to your generosity and the hard work of our staff, my presidency ends with Shomrei Torah in even stronger financial shape than when it began.

To paraphrase Shakespeare, nothing in my presidency became me like the leaving it, and in that we are all fortunate to pass the baton to Rachael Cutcher. She has been a tireless servant of this congregation for many years, and will bring exactly the knowledgeable, energetic and committed leadership our synagogue needs and deserves. Please join me in wishing her the best in her new role.

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While I can't say that I'm sorry my time as president is ending, neither can I say I'm entirely glad. It has been an honor to serve this congregation, occasionally frustrating and always humbling, and an extraordinary privilege for which I will always be grateful.

**B'shalom,
Bruce**

LEGACY NEWS

Meet Legacy Circle Members Padi Selwyn and Reuben Weinzveg



Reuben Weinzveg and Padi Selwyn joined Congregation Shomrei Torah twenty five years ago. They feel they have found a lovely community of like-minded people, some of whom have become very close friends and who share their values. CST has provided their family with a caring community and a wonderful, meaningful connection to Judaism. Both their sons received their Jewish education and celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs at CST, and it has become an important part of their identity, and therefore, CST is also an important part of their community.

A factor most important to Padi and Reuben in deciding to make a Legacy Gift is the opportunity to ensure the long term sustainability of CST. It gives them peace of mind that legacy gifts will let their grandchildren enjoy the rewards of Jewish life. Their gift was designated to go to where the Board feels the need is greatest. Padi and Reuben hope that CST continues to thrive and increase its importance in both the Jewish religious and secular communities.

Padi and Reuben have celebrated many wonderful family times at CST. This includes one son's wedding and their grandson's bris, as well as a grandchild's baby naming. Reuben and Padi look forward to many simchas in the future with their Shomrei Torah friends and family.



Padi and Reuben with their grandchildren Ella and Avi.

Environmental Action Committee

Tip-of-the-Month

Thou hast named water the symbol of thy might; its drops refresh all that have breath of life and revive those who praise thy powers of rain.
(Prayer for rain, 8th day of Succot)

It is going to be a dry summer! Let's try and conserve water.

1. Don't let the water run while rinsing dishes or fruit and vegetables. Use a basin.
2. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when full.
3. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost food and vegetables.
4. Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and use mulch around plants to retain moisture.

For more ideas check out:

wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve

ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/departments/utilities/conserve/Pages/tips.aspx



Everyone is welcome at all our services and programs, members and non-members, Jewish and non-Jewish partners/spouses alike.



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These programs and services are best for children ages birth through first grade, though, older and younger children and grandparents are welcome, too. Tot Shabbat meets on specific Shabbat (Saturday) mornings from 9:30 am-11:00 am and on special Friday evenings from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm at Congregation Shomrei Torah. During these special Friday evenings, we will have a potluck Shabbat meal, musical services, an age appropriate art project and an exciting story. Mark your calendar so you can join us!

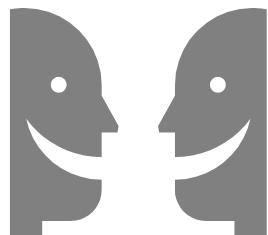
Saturday June 1, 2013
9:30 am - 11:00 am

Saturday July 20, 2013
9:30 - 11:00 am

Friday August 2, 2013
5:00 pm

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 at 707 578-5519, to be paired up with a member of the team..



Social Action Committee Retreat

On June 2, the Social Action Committee will host our third Retreat in five years. Two of the key outcomes will be what projects should we focus on in the year ahead AND how do we get more Congregants involved. We've had some great success with our "Social Action Goes to the Movies," attracting audiences from 125 to 200. But looking at the numbers, the films often include audiences that mirror the topics, i.e., Latinos for immigration topics, the LGBT community for films on Gays & Lesbians, Muslims and some Jews for the Israel-Palestinian type of films.

If you have some suggestions for special social action projects, we would like to hear from you. Contact the CST office at 707 578-5519.

An Appeal from the Caring Committee

Our Mi'Shebeirach (prayers for healing) list is now quite long, and we all pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery. Shomrei Torah's Caring Committee tries to be there. Even without joining the committee, you can help occasionally. We are in need of people to provide a meal now and then. Additionally, If you are making a casserole, stew, soup, and can put a serving in a container that you don't need back, we can freeze it until it is needed. Please call the CST office at 707 578-5519 if this might be a mitzvah you would enjoy.

STARS

I am sad that this year had to come to an end. It was truly a wonderful year packed with exciting events and learning experiences. I am continuously moved at how much I learn from students every year.

T'filla on the last day of school was incredible. It really is a fabulous experience to pray with all of you.

I am proud to announce that there was over \$400 raised for tzedakah this year. Money was donated as follows:

Kindergarten- Elisha's Pantry

First Grade- Humane Society and Valley of the Moon Children's Home

Second Grade- Elisha's Pantry

Third Grade- UJC Alaska and Special Olympics

Fourth Grade- Healdsburg Animal Shelter

Fifth- Seventh Grade- Elisha's Pantry.

Please have a fun, safe summer.
I can't wait to see you next year,
Rabbi Kramer

NFTY/Shorty

SHoRTY is nearing the end of a great year and we are going out with a bang. Eleven members of SHoRTY will be attending the NFTY regional retreat at Camp Newman. This represents a significant increase over prior events and I am looking forward to having a great time with all of the teens at the retreat. We appreciate all the support we have received from parents and the Shomrei Torah community and are looking forward to next year.

Sincerely,
Aaron Selya
SHoRTY Advisor

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Chaverim Notes

Chaverim wraps up a great year of teen programing and dinner discussions. Follow this link <http://www.jccsoco.org/teens> for registration information or Call Director Rick Concoff at 823-3916 for more info. All Jewish teens 8-12th grade are welcome to these events.

Shalom, Have a great summer. Rick

B'nei Mitzvah

Isabel Rowand *June 8, 2013 - 30 Sivan 5773*

Please join us as our daughter Isabel Grace Rowand is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.
10:30am, Saturday June 8, 2013. Kiddush luncheon to follow.

Guevara & Emery Rowand



Avery Cruz

June 1, 2013 – 23 Sivan 5773

We invite all to join us in celebration as our son Avery is called to the Torah on June 1, 2013. Please stay for a celebration and Kiddush lunch following the service.

Deborah Waller and Vicente Cruz



Noah Bacon

June 15, 2013 - 7 Tamuz 5773

Please join us on June 15, 2013 as our son, Noah, becomes a bar mitzvah.

Ann and Ben Bacon



Sarah Haley

July 20, 2013 - 13 Av 5773

Please join us as our daughter Sarah Michelle Haley is called to the torah on July 20th, 2013. There will be a Kiddush luncheon to follow.

Alisa and Robert Haley



Celia Rose

July 27, 2013 - 20 Av 5773

We invite you to share our joy as our daughter Celia Naomi Rose becomes a Bat Mitzvah on July 27, 2013.

Sam and Laura Rose

JEWISH FOOD FEST

Sunday, August 18th
10 to 3

BUY TICKETS
starting June 5th
(Don't miss out!)

FREE
parking & shuttles
(All parking is at
SC Fairgrounds)

BE SURE TO BUY TICKETS ONLINE FOR THE FOOD FEST

Members, Friends & Family Can BUY TICKETS online starting June 5th!

Our 2nd annual JEWISH FOOD FEST is going to be even BETTER than the first. Ticket sales are limited to the first 1300 people—don't miss out!

Go to **www.shoreitorah.org**. Choose **Food Fest 2013** on the black bar.

Date: Sunday, August 18, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Congregation Shomrei Torah

Address: 2600 Bennet Valley Rd., Santa Rosa (event address, but not parking)

Free Parking & Shuttle: ALL PARKING IS AT SC Fairgrounds, on Brookwood Ave. off of Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa, across from the side entrance to Fairgrounds. No parking or drop-offs at the synagogue or across the street at Waterfall Towers.

Cost: \$5 per person, free for children 12 and under and all event day volunteers.

EARLY BIRD special
by JUNE 5th



BUY TICKETS or SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER by June 30

and your name will be added to a raffle with great prizes including Jewish bakery items and wine.

Questions? Contact Celine Berman 537-7176 ccmdberman@att.net or Sue Lewis at susanlewis@sonic.net

VOLUNTEER NOW!



350 SHOMREI TORAH VOLUNTEERS = A SUCCESSFUL FOOD FEST

Learn where your energy is needed at this year's Food Fest and sign up today. This year we are using *Sign Up Genius*, an easy and effective way to choose the best place and time for you to volunteer. There are THREE simple ways to sign up:

1. Go to **www.signupgenius.com** and click on "Find A Sign Up". You will receive a prompt asking you for the email of the organizer. Type djcutler@sonic.net and when the page pops up, click on Food Fest 2013.

OR

2. Email Deborah Cutler at djcutler@sonic.net if you need help.

OR

3. If you don't have Internet access, call Ann DuBay (575-4311) or Deborah Cutler (526-9649) and they will sign you up.

YOU CAN HELP

ONLINE AUCTION - OPENS IN AUGUST

Thanks to our generous members, last year's Online Auction was a HUGE success! This year our goal is to break \$10,000 and with your help, we will!

Do you have any products or services with a value of \$50 or more you can donate?

Examples: vacation rentals, tickets to events, classes you can teach, teeth whitening, etc. Or, do you know a restaurant or business whom you can ask for a donation? (We'll even call for you.)

CONTACT Stephen Harper (707-527-0194 or kelev2@comcast.net) or Laurie Wesler (707-578-4569 or FoodFestCST@gmail.com)

AUCTION



SECOND HAND ROSE

A great way to repurpose unwanted items

We all have stuff we no longer want or need. Why not declutter your space and donate your treasures to Second Hand Rose?

- Music CDs
- Movie DVDs
- Quality costume jewelry
- Gently used: small appliances, art, house décor, sports equipment, purses, etc.
- Unique high-end specialty clothing and shoes (lightly used)
- Kid's quality toys & games

Bring items to the CST lobby. Please no books, electronics, everyday clothing, or items over 2 ½ X 2 ½ ft.

Questions? Contact Rose Maier (707-696-6648 or rose@saiprograms.com), or Muncie Harper (707-527-0194 or muncieh@gmail.com), for more information.

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Environmental Action Committee

Habitat Restoration Day – May 5

The Environmental Action Committee sponsored an afternoon of pruning, weeding and repairing in the Laguna Wetlands Preserve in Sebastopol. It was all in the spirit of tikkun olam, along with camaraderie and an opportunity to get dirty.



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Congregation Shomrei Torah is grateful for contributions to its many funds.

Please indicate on the list below how your donation should be applied:

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To appear on Generous Gifts pages, we ask that a minimum donation of \$10.00 be made for each listing.

The office asks that you have your donations into the office by the 5th of each month.

Thank you to all who give so generously to our Congregation.

June Services

Saturday, June 1

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Rabbi George
10:30 am, Bar Mitzvah of Avery Waller Cruz

Friday, June 7

6:15 pm, Shabbat Service honoring
Communications and Human Resources Committees

Saturday, June 8

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Rabbi Lavey Derby
10:30 am, Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Rowand

Friday, June 14

6:15 pm, Rabbi's Tisch – Guest Speaker Andrew Ramer

Saturday, June 15

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Rabbi George
10:30 am, Bar Mitzvah of Noah Bacon

Friday, June 21

6:15 pm, Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 22

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Rabbi Kramer
10:30 am, Bar Mitzvah of Lee Finkel

Friday, June 28

6:15 pm, Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 29

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Penelope and Jay Hodes
10:30 am, Shabbat Service

July Services

Friday, July 5

6:15 pm, Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 6

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Anne Levy-Howson
10:30 am

Friday, July 12

6:15 pm, Rabbi's Tisch

Saturday, July 13

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Marcia Gladstone
10:30 am, Shabbat Service

Friday, July 19

6:15 pm, Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 20

8:45 am, Torah Study led by Jerry Roth
9:30 am, Tot Shabbat
10:30 am, Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Haley

Friday, July 27

6:15 pm, Shabbat Service

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

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONGREGATION

- To worship God in accordance with the beliefs and teachings of Reform Judaism.
- To cultivate and nurture in ourselves and our children a love and understanding of Jewish heritage.
- To develop a sensitive, caring and supportive congregational community where all are welcome and included.
- To act with responsibility and compassion in our community.
- To support the principles of equality, freedom and shalom among all peoples.