



## 2014 High Holy Days Schedule

All locations are at CST unless noted by \* (Center for Spiritual Living)

S'lichot	Saturday, Sept. 20	9:00 PM	
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, Sept. 24	6:00 PM 8:00 PM*	Family Service Adult Service
Rosh Hashanah	Thursday, Sept. 25	10:30 AM*	
Tashlich	Thursday, Sept. 25	4:30 PM	Lake Ralphine at Howarth Park
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Service	Friday, Sept. 26	10:30 AM	
Shabbat Shuvah	Friday, Sept. 26	6:15 PM	
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, Sept. 27	10:30 AM	
Cemetery Service	Sunday, Sept. 28	3:00 PM	Santa Rosa Memorial Park
Erev Yom Kippur-Kol Nidre	Friday, Oct. 3	6:00 PM 8:00 PM*	Family Service Adult Service
Yom Kippur	Saturday, Oct. 4	10:30 AM* 1:30 PM 3:00 PM 3:45 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	Jewish Journeys Torah Reading/Jonah Healing Service Yizkor Service Neilah Service

*New this year, the afternoon Yom Kippur services will be at CST (times are approximate)*

## Preparing For High Holy Days – Rabbi's Tisch

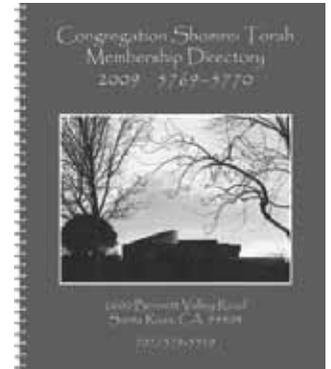
Friday September 12 – 6:15 PM

The Rabbi's Tisch is an alternative Erev Shabbat service offered on the second Friday of every month and features a delicious catered meal and exploration of topics central to Jewish life and tradition. At the September Tisch, Rabbi George, Rabbi Kramer and Cantor David will lead us in preparing for the High Holy Days through song, study and thought-provoking discussion. This is the first in our Jewish Holiday Series classes taught by our clergy. Participants will study the basis of each holiday and how they are celebrated through ritual and food.

The schedule includes:

- **High Holy Days:** Sept. 12, 2014 - Tisch (6:15 pm)
- **Hanukkah:** Dec. 3, 2014 (7:00-8:30 pm)
- **Tu B'Shvat:** Jan. 9, 2015 - Tisch (6:15 pm)
- **Purim:** Feb. 18, 2015 (7:00-8:30 pm)
- **Pesach:** March 13, 2015 - Tisch (6:15 pm),
- **Shavuot:** May 6, 2015 (7:00-8:30 pm)

Don't miss this month's Tisch. Please RSVP to Denise in our office at 707-578-5519 or [denise@cstsr.org](mailto:denise@cstsr.org).

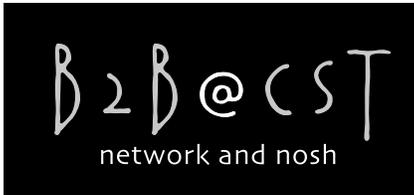


### *The 2014 Shomrei Torah membership directory is coming!*

The 2014 membership directory is set to be printed in October and distributed in November. It's a great way of finding the people in our community. In the High Holy Day mailing sent to your home, there is a form that includes your information. If you don't have any changes, there is no need to return the form. If you do have changes or wish to not be listed in the directory, the form must be returned to the CST office by October 1. We will not be able to take information via phone or email.

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## Business To Business

Connecting with others in business at CST  
*Tuesday September 9th 7:30 AM*

You are invited to the next B2B@CST meeting on Tuesday, September 9, at 7:30 AM for coffee and business networking with other members of Congregation Shomrei Torah. All temple members are welcome.

Our August meeting featured Bruce Smith of Copper Sky Construction. He spoke on his long experience in the home building and remodeling industry, how to make informed choices when considering a remodel and the type of projects that he prefers to be referred. Our mission is to build each others businesses and create more opportunities together within the CST community.

The upcoming September meeting will feature Stormy Knight of Net101. Net101 works with small businesses to harness the power of the internet to create more clients and drive more sales. Stormy will talk about what the process is to determine what each individual business needs to consider when creating an online marketing plan.

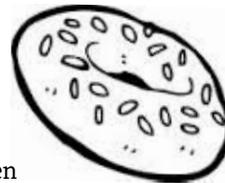
We would love to have you join us! Please contact the CST office for more information or to join the B2B@CST mailing list.

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## Men's Bagel Club

*Sunday September 7 – 9:00 AM*

The Bagel Club starts the new season on Sunday, September 7 at 9 AM with a preview of this year's Sonoma County Jewish Film Festival. Ellen Blustein, Program Director of the Jewish Film Festival and daughter of Bagel Club founder Jeff Blustein, will tell us about the films that will entertain us at this year's event. We may even get to see some clips of some of the featured films.



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Of course, there will be the spectacular brunch of bagel, lox and cream cheese with all the usual side dishes. This is a good time to visit with the others attending. All of this for a donation of only \$7 per person. Please be sure to RSVP to [cstbagelmen@gmail.com](mailto:cstbagelmen@gmail.com).

## *The CST Men's Mini-Retreat Is Only A Few Weeks Away*

*Sunday September 14 –  
3:00 to 7:00 PM*

The home of Roy and  
Miriam Sparrow

For those of you already signed up, we are looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

For those of you not signed up yet, please consider joining us – this event only happens once every couple of years...

*"...A great opportunity  
for fun! A great chance  
to get to know other  
men at CST!"*

A great opportunity for fun! A great chance to get to know other men at CST! The CST Men's mini-retreat is a free, co-operative opportunity to take time to meet other Shomrei Torah men, spend some quality time together, pray, and play. For more information or to sign up contact the CST office to save your spot.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## COMING SOON: Performance Series Featuring Top Performers

Starting early next year, Shomrei Torah will present three nationally known performers in a cultural series, plus a special evening featuring the “Dueling Cantors.”

Save the dates for these very special events:

**Saturday, January 24, 2015 – 7:30 PM:** Magician and Mentalist Marc Salem, fresh from his hit show on Broadway, offers a captivating excursion into the power and possibilities of the human mind. (Generously underwritten by CST member Ira Glasser.)

**Sunday, February 15, 2015 – 4:00 PM:** Folk Musician and Cantorial Soloist Alisa Fineman and Kimball Hurd. The Monterey Bay-based duo have earned national acclaim for their songwriting and world music repertoire. (Generously underwritten by CST member Ira Glasser.)

**Saturday, March 28, 2015 – 7:30 PM:** The Dueling Cantors, our own David Frommer and noted Cantor Josh Breitzer present an unforgettable evening of cantoring, kibitzing and competition. This special evening will include additional surprises – don’t miss it!

**Saturday, May 9, 2015, 7:30 PM:** Celebrate Mother’s Day with The Mama-logues: A comedy about motherhood, written and produced by CST member Laurie Levy. Forget brunch! What Mom’s really want for Mother’s Day is wine, chocolate and laughter!

Tickets for the series will be available individually and as a four-show package starting this fall. Proceeds from ticket sales will support Shomrei Torah’s ongoing cultural, religious and education programming. If you’d like to volunteer to help produce this series, or if you’d like to become a sponsor, please contact the CST office.



## Women’s Retreat October 24-26

The Women’s Retreat is just around the corner. It will be held on the weekend of October 24-26 at the nearby Mountain Home Ranch off of Calistoga Road about 30 minutes from Shomrei Torah. Please see the registration form in this month’s Voice. The registration deadline is September 15 and room requests will be honored in order of receipt of the registration form with full payment. All of the single rooms and double rooms in the lodge are currently sold out. This year we are trying a new venue which offers a closer location, lower price point and more flexibility in planning. There are more choices for overnight accommodations. The main lodge at Mountain Home Ranch is where the dining hall is located and also a downstairs lounge/game room with fireplace and old fashioned saloon type bar. The lodge houses 4 single rooms and 4 double rooms. There are also triple occupancy cabins and triple occupancy cottages that all have their own kitchenettes. The cottages will be especially nice for those who may want to prepare their own special foods or have access to a refrigerator during their stay.

There are 5 miles of hiking trails on the property, a heated swimming pool, a small lake and a wonderful outdoor fireplace around which we can sing together or simply enjoy being out under the stars. We are planning a full weekend of prayer, services, crafts, discussion and camaraderie so you will have more than enough to do without going anywhere. However, if you feel like being pampered, the spas of Calistoga are a short 15 minute drive from the property.



## Jewish Film Festival

Mark your calendars! The 19th Sonoma County Jewish Film Festival is coming. It will run from October 7 thru November 18 this year. The brochure will be in your mailbox around Labor Day. Tickets will go on sale August 29th. Evenings sell out early, so order in advance. We have a great line-up that you won’t want to miss. Visit [www.jccsoso.org](http://www.jccsoso.org) for tickets and information.

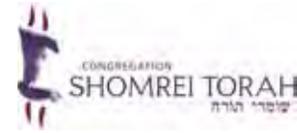
# SHOMREI TORAH's WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for our **9th!!**

2014

**OCTOBER 24 – 26**

at Mountain Home Ranch



*The Women's Retreat only comes around every two years!!*

Mountain Home Ranch located conveniently at: 3400 Mountain Home Ranch Rd Calistoga, CA 94515



**FEATURING:**

Cottages with Kitchenettes, Rooms in Lodge or Separate Cabins, Hiking trails, swimming pool and beautiful views. Six (6) meals provided over the course of the weekend - Friday night dinner through Sunday lunch and ALL workshops for one low price for the entire weekend!

PLAY, LEARN, SING, LAUGH, SCHMOOZE, CONNECT Jewishly!

-----**REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)**-----

Register and pay in full **by September 15<sup>th</sup>**. SORRY NO PHONE OR ONLINE REGISTRATIONS.

Confirmation and additional information will be emailed in September.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ ROOMMATE PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**Please select the room type of your choice. Room preferences honored in order of receipt.**

**READ CAREFULLY & INDICATE YOUR FIRST, SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH CHOICES\***

*Room Options Are As Follows:*

*\*Order of Preference*

<b>1. Triple in a Cabin</b>	<b>\$245</b>	_____
<b>2. Double in the Lodge</b>	<b>\$275</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<b>3. Triple in a Cottage (with Kitchenette)</b>	<b>\$275</b>	_____
<b>4. Single in the Lodge</b>	<b>\$310</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>

My Room Charge	\$ _____
Additional Donation	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

I have included an additional donation toward the scholarship fund

I have enclosed a check. Checks are payable to **Congregation Shomrei Torah** (please add "Women's Retreat" on the memo line)

Please charge my credit card on file at CST or Visa/MC (Sorry, no Amex) listed below:

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this registration form with your payment to CST, 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

**DON'T DELAY – RESERVE TODAY!**

Questions: Contact Paula Duran or Rachel Blum

***Shomrei Torah Women.....***

*Do you have a special talent you'd like to share by leading a retreat workshop? Let us know!*

## Preparing For High Holy Days

Everyone has their own baggage. Everyone's baggage comes in unique shapes, sizes, colors, fabrics, and vintage. Although these bags might appear similar while making their way around the baggage carousel, they are each uniquely packed with personal content. During Elul, the month of personal reflection leading up to High Holy Days, we each have the opportunity to unpack and repack our suitcases. This is the time for each of us to truly take time out from our normal routine and reflect.



*To prepare for High Holy Days we are supposed to look honestly inside ourselves.*

We must first open our suitcases wide and examine the contents. Examining each article is only useful if we are honest and open with ourselves about what we see. Many times a tattered shirt is not a tattered shirt, but rather a meaningful relic from a wonderful vacation. During this process, it is extremely important to take a moment and be grateful for all of our content, even our "holiest" socks!

*To prepare for High Holy Days we must be grateful for everything in our lives!*

We can examine the contents and decide what will stay around and what is time to retire. The best part is we can also go shopping. Not for a new shirt or shoes, but rather for a new hobby, healthier habits or a calmer demeanor.

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May this year be a year filled with hope, happiness, love, and health for you and all of your family.

**Shanah Tovah,  
Rabbi Kramer**

## Spiritual Practice

As this issue of the Voice arrives in your mailbox, we will be firmly in the month of Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah. I am taking the time during this month to spiritually prepare for the season of return, renewal, and repentance that the High Holy Days offer us each year. This practice is a meaningful way to enhance the Holy Days and prepare for the year ahead. With our very busy lives, it is often difficult to find the time to focus on ourselves. One way to make this practice "easier" is to sign-up for a daily reflection on [www.jewelfelul.com](http://www.jewelfelul.com). Why not give it a try?



May we struggle against institutional injustice, / free those from oppression and contempt, / act with purity of heart and mind, / despising none, defrauding none, hating none, / cherishing all, honoring every child of God, every creature of the earth.

May the Jewish people, the state of Israel, and all peoples / know peace in this New Year, / And may we nurture kindness and love everywhere.

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**L'Shana Tova,  
Rachael**

**A Prayer for the Jewish New Year**  
By: Rabbi John L. Rosove

May we hold lovingly in our thoughts / those who suffer from tyranny, subjection, cruelty, and injustice, / and work every day towards the alleviation of their suffering.

May we recognize our solidarity / with the stranger, outcast, downtrodden, abused, and deprived, / that no human being be treated as "other," / that our common humanity weaves us together / in one fabric of mutuality, / one garment of destiny.

May we pursue the Biblical prophet's vision of peace, / that we might live harmoniously with each other / and side by side, / respecting differences, / cherishing diversity, / with no one exploiting the weak, / each living without fear of the other, / each revering Divinity in every human soul.

LEGACY NEWS

Meet Legacy Circle Members  
Maureen and Paul Larson

Maureen and Paul Larson joined Shomrei Torah in 1980. Like many of our members, they come from diverse religious backgrounds. In 1982, their son, Forrest, was born. In those early days, Shomrei Torah was led by a student rabbi and religious education was shared between Beth Ami and Shomrei Torah.



As Forrest grew, the Larsons came to know and appreciate Rabbi Robinson who officiated at Forrest's Bar Mitzvah. Maureen's uncle, the only remaining adult male member of her father's family, participated in the Bar Mitzvah, making the day an even richer experience.

The Larson's son, Forrest, was an assistant teacher at Beth Ami and Shomrei Torah. When he attended college at Sonoma State, he was on the teaching staff at Congregation B'nai Israel in Petaluma. The Larsons believe that Forrest's involvement at Shomrei Torah and beyond helped make him to grow and become more confident.

The Larsons particularly appreciate the attitude of tolerance which they find prevalent at Shomrei Torah. They point to the diversity of programs as another important aspect in the life of the Congregation and the community. They hope that their Legacy gift will continue to support these programs, allowing future generations to have access to a reform Jewish education in Sonoma County.

It is the Larson's hope that Shomrei Torah will always be a vibrant place of learning and worship, a place where the voice of moderation is most clearly heard.

**Shomrei Torah Email Addresses Are Changing!**  
*And we are going to make it as easy for you as possible.*

Our New Web Address: [cstsr.org](http://cstsr.org)

One misspelling of our current [shomreitorah.org](http://shomreitorah.org) email address and we don't receive your communication... For this and other reasons, to make it better, we are changing our email address to [cstsr.org](http://cstsr.org). For example, our general email address of [shomrei@shomreitorah.org](mailto:shomrei@shomreitorah.org) will now become [shomrei@cstsr.org](mailto:shomrei@cstsr.org). However, for now the old email addresses will continue to work. If you send us an email using the [shomreitorah.org](http://shomreitorah.org) address, we will receive it. When we reply or forward an email, the return address will show our new one. Here is a list of the old and new address for your use.

	Old Address	New Address
<b>General email</b>	<a href="mailto:shomrei@shomreitorah.org">shomrei@shomreitorah.org</a>	<a href="mailto:shomrei@cstsr.org">shomrei@cstsr.org</a>
<b>Rabbi George Gittleman</b>	<a href="mailto:rabi@shomreitorah.org">rabi@shomreitorah.org</a> <a href="mailto:ggittleman@shomreitorah.org">ggittleman@shomreitorah.org</a> <a href="mailto:haravgdg@sonic.net">haravgdg@sonic.net</a>	<a href="mailto:rabbig@cstsr.org">rabbig@cstsr.org</a>
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**College Care Packages**

Matzah toffee, a wind-up dreidel, chocolate gelt—just a taste of what we sent last year to Shomrei Torah's college students! Would your college student enjoy some holiday treats this year? Let us know his or her college address and we'll send fun and delicious greetings from their Shomrei Torah family!

Please call (578-5519) or email the office ([ra@cstsr.org](mailto:ra@cstsr.org)) with the following information: your student's name, college name, college address, email, and move in date, plus your name, phone number and email.

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

Would you like to help bake? Contact the CST office.

## Environmental Action Committee

### Tip of the Month

"I call heaven and earth to witness you today, I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse -- therefore choose life!" ~ (DEUT. 30:19)



When we're told to choose life for ourselves, we're also commanded to choose sustainability for the planet. Resolve to "Drive Green" in the New Year! It's safer, cleaner, and better for your budget. A few tips for a more ecological drive. . .

- Keep tires properly inflated -- it's safer and prolongs their life
- Fill up at the right time -- early morning or late evening pollutes less and saves fuel
- Obey the speed limit -- boost fuel economy and cut chance of collision
- Clean out your trunk -- get better gas mileage with less weight onboard
- Keep up with upkeep -- burn less gas with regular tune-ups, filter changes
- Time trips against traffic -- avoid stop and go driving at rush hour
- Consider a more fuel efficient vehicle -- buy a hybrid or electric with your next car purchase.

## STaRS Registration



Classes are forming for STaRS, the Shomrei Torah

Religious School! If you have yet to enroll your students, the materials are on our website. Also don't forget that in order for your child to be placed in their class you must renew your temple membership and submit the school deposit. Questions? Please call the office at 707-578-5519.

## SCTribe

Are you (or someone you know) a Jewish twenty or thirty-something? Come join the Sonoma County Tribe! We meet once an month to celebrate holidays, eat delicious food, and just hang out. This month we will be celebrating Rosh Hashanah with apple martinis on September 20th.



For upcoming events, questions, or to join our mailing list please contact us at [sonomacountytribe@gmail.com](mailto:sonomacountytribe@gmail.com).

## Social Action Committee

### Something for (almost) Everyone!

At Shomrei Torah, the concept of tikkun olam (repair the world) takes on special meaning when you begin to look at the variety of projects we undertake from feeding women, men and children (Elisha's Pantry every Thursday of the year) to clothing the needy (Winter Clothing Drive).

Consider the kinds of programs SAC chooses to focus on: LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights, domestic violence, low cost housing, Jewish-Muslim dialogue, living wage coalition, gun control legislation affecting our core values, Walk to End Genocide, Yom Hashoah remembrance, Posada toy drive for needy kids, assisting local veterans, a mini film series that focuses on human rights, and more.

The SAC is the largest committee at Shomrei Torah by necessity. Keep in mind that it indeed does take more than a "village" to implement programs that not only impact CST but often the cities and County of Sonoma and all Californians.

In the weeks and months ahead, SAC projects will include:

- a project to support the YWCA Safe House (domestic violence victims)
- support immigrant children locked in immigration battles
- collecting food at High Holy Days for Elisha's Pantry
- winter soup kitchen
- winter clothing drive
- collecting toys for local children

An exciting new project for 2015 will be the Quilts Project Weekend where quilts honoring AIDS victims will be brought to CST tying into the Annual LGBTQ Pride weekend in June.

The SAC meets the first Monday of each month from 7 - 8:30 PM in the Kolbo Room. Just stop by one evening and see what it's all about. If you are moved by tikkun olam, chances are there is something you might want to try. For more information, contact the CST office.

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## Rabbi Michael Robinson Fund For Social Justice Matching Funds through September 8

At the annual Rabbi Michael Robinson Memorial lecture on August 8, John Weinstein announced that he and his wife, Heidi Stewart, will match any funds donated to the Rabbi Michael Robinson Fund for Social Justice for 30 days ending September 8. John and Heidi generously created the Fund with \$100,000 in 2013. Please take advantage of this matching fund opportunity. Thank you, John and Heidi!



## Thank You Message to Camp Newman Volunteers

We have just completed our 6th consecutive summer of partnering with Camp Newman, assisting them in checking in campers on their incoming days. I wanted to personally thank all of you who helped out at Camp Newman this summer including Jessie and Mike Riboli, Joyce Sokolik, Melissa Kort, Sandy Menachof, Arlie Moore, and Ellen Douglass. The camp nurses and director are very grateful to Congregation Shomrei Torah for our continuing help and support. I hope that it was a positive experience for all of you. It is always very uplifting for me when I see the kids arriving from all over the country, connecting with their Reform Jewish community in such a fun way. I'm glad that representatives from Shomrei Torah can continue to be there. I hope that you enjoy the remainder of your summer, and have a happy new year!

**B' shalom,  
Sherry Fink**

## “Loving & Caring...the new Bottom Line” Rabbi Lerner’s Message Captures Congregation at Rabbi Michael Service

The eighth annual Rabbi Michael Robinson Memorial Lecture was a sell out. They came to see Rabbi Michael Lerner, “the rabbi from the East Bay” who founded Berkeley synagogue Beyt Tikkun and his own magazine, Tikkun.

Lerner, the firebrand who was part of the 1960s Free Speech Movement, worked with Martin Luther King, Jr., and was part of the Students for a Democratic Society, is a social activist whose bio reads like a compilation of all the major progressive movements of the last half-century.

To find Lerner’s goal, you don’t have to look further than the magazine’s title and tagline, “Tikkun, to heal, repair and transform the world,” and to the Network of Spiritual Progressives, the activist movement Lerner spawned from Tikkun. The NSP “seeks to transform our materialist and corporate-dominated society into a caring society through consciousness raising, advocacy and public awareness campaigns that emphasize generosity, peace, and social transformation. The NSP shifts mass consciousness by challenging status quo ideas about what is possible.”

Rabbi Lerner’s inspirational remarks were interrupted several times with loud applause and shouts of “Yeah!” and “Right on!” capped by a standing ovation at the end of the hour-plus program.

If you want to learn more about Rabbi Lerner and his programs, you can email him at [RabbiLerner.Tikkun@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiLerner.Tikkun@gmail.com) or go to the magazine’s website, [www.tikkun.org](http://www.tikkun.org).



Left to right: Rick Reisman, Catherine Reisman, Elizabeth Selya, Jeff Sargent, Dan Bornstein, Linda Sargent, Jan Schwartz, Linda Bornstein

## Congregants Riding to Services

On July 18, congregants met for a group ride led by Rick Reisman to Friday evening services. They joined members of Santa Rosa’s faith communities to support bike riding as a fun, healthy, and environmentally smart way to get to services. They had a great ride and a special mention by Rabbi George during services.

## Tot Shabbat

Saturday September 6 – 9:30 AM

### Dear Families,

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Wishing all of you the very best for the Jewish New Year and the new school year. May it bring only sweetness and good health and happiness to each of you. We look forward to seeing you Saturday, September 6 at 9:30am for our monthly Tot Shabbat program which will focus on Rosh Hashanah.



B'shalom,  
Lauren

## Babies & Bagels

Sunday September 14

Do you have a baby? Do you like bagels? If you answered yes to the previous questions then this group is for you!

Join us for a light nosh and some refreshing adult conversation, while you watch your child/children interact and play with others in their age group. Come for the bagels, stay for the community! The next Babies and Bagels is scheduled for Sunday September 14, 2014. Please contact the CST office for more information.

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on July 10, 2014 and took the following actions:

- Discussed and approved a Legacy Circle proposal for funding to participate in a training program offered by the Jewish Community Federation
- Approved the establishment of an Israel Committee
- Approved four new families for membership.



## Bar Mitzvah

Preston Gasser

September 6, 2014 – Elul 11, 5774

Please join us in celebration as our son Preston Ellington Gasser becomes a Bar Mitzvah on September 6, 2014. All are welcome for a Kid-dush luncheon following the service.

Lynn and Nolan Gasser

## Reading Corner

A special thank you to Lauren Kushins and her daughter/assistant Ella for the great work creating a mural for the new reading corner in our classroom aleph. Also, a very grateful thank you to Fran Danoff, whose generosity in memory of her parents Ruth and Sol Colker, helped make this possible, including the purchase of kid friendly furniture. It's ready for your children to enjoy!



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**JCC Chaverim News**

Here we go, another Chaverim year for Jewish Teens in Sonoma County. If you are a continuing student, all you have to do is go to [jccsoco.org](http://jccsoco.org) and find the link to click and easy re-register. It takes only a moment, and you are set. Eighth graders and other new students will find a link on the same website. We welcome all Jewish teens, countywide, affiliated or not. Meanwhile, keep your eyes open for additional social events to which all Chaverim members are welcome and invited. (Watch for SHORTY events too!)

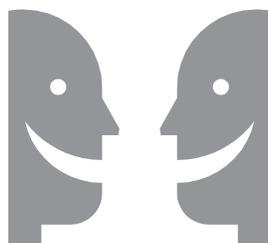
Beginning in late September, the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County’s Teen Program, Chaverim, will offer special weeknight “online” informal Jewish classes through Skype taught by teen educator, Rick Concoff, MA. with guest appearances from our Rabbis. The classes, featuring compelling discussions of related Jewish subjects is exclusively for Jewish teens (9th-12th grade) who live too far to participate in Chaverim. If you are interested, or know someone in a rural area of Sonoma County who might be interested in participating, please email Rick Concoff, [rickc@jccsoco.org](mailto:rickc@jccsoco.org) or call his home office at 707 823-3916. Help us reach even more Jewish teens!

Once again, Chaverim Director Rick Concoff will lead Shomrei Torah’s Teen Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur Services concurrent with regular services on the mornings of each holiday. All teens are welcome. Rick will also lead a “Teen Tschuvah” service at 5 PM Yom Kippur day at Congregation Beth Ami also open to all teens. If you are a teen, and you have an interest in contributing to any of these services, please contact Rick at 823-3916.

**If you are a Parent:**

Join Rick for a “Jewish Parenting” talk, on Wed. Nov 5, from 7-9 pm at the JCC, 1301 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa. Rick will bring his years of working with teens and children, as well as his own parenting experience and knowledge in a talk entitled, “Parenting From Exhaustion: How to Recharge”.

For more info visit [jccsoco.org](http://jccsoco.org) or call the JCC at 528-4222. \$18 per person (spouses/partners come free). Proceeds benefit the Teen Program.



**Cancer Resource Team at Your Service**

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

## YiddishLand, The First Annual Sonoma County Yiddish Cultural Festival

November 15-16 – Congregation Ner Shalom, Cotati

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**Plan to enjoy YiddishLand: The Concert on Saturday evening, November 15.**

Participate in YiddishLand: The Culture on Sunday afternoon, November 16, featuring activities for adults and children that transmit the depth, joy, humor, and accomplishments of Yiddish life.

The first annual county-wide festival will be held at Congregation Ner Shalom in Cotati. Come spend time with your true heritage and help bring it to new life. Watch for details.



*“...our six returning teachers... have over 100 years of teaching experience among them ”*

## Exciting Changes at Beth Ami Community Nursery School

Beth Ami Community Nursery School is thrilled to announce some exciting developments this year, as we maintain our commitment to excellent early childhood education infused with Jewish values and traditions!

New and longer hours and Yom Tov Camps: Drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m. and pick-up ends at 5:30 p.m. every day and for all age groups, and we will offer full-day camps during school closures for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simkhat Torah, and Pesach, as well as over the summer.

**New teachers:** Joining our six returning teachers – who have over 100 years of teaching experience among them – are four new, fabulous teachers! Priscilla Lowenthal, who comes to us from Gan Noe Preschool, is passionate about experiential education. Ayala Almog, who moved from Israel three years ago to work at Camp Newman, is a musician and loves teaching Alef-Bet yoga. Suzanne Mitchell, formerly of The Healdsburg School, is an expert at guiding children through social-emotional learning. Denise Abbott has worked for many years helping young children with special needs get the services they deserve. We are thrilled to welcome them to our team!

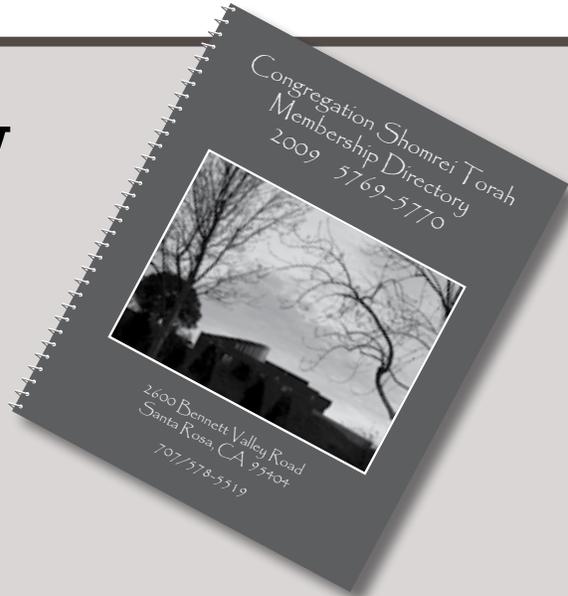
Enrollment is still open: School starts on Tuesday, September 2, and we have limited openings in our Two's, Three's, and Four's classes. Call the office today, and we'd be happy to set up a tour for you!

**Jenny Levine-Smith, Director, BACNS707-360-3030**  
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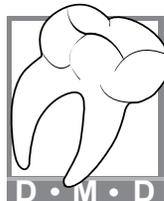
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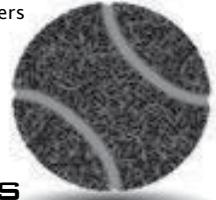
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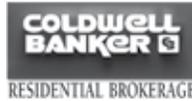


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