

SHERITH ISRAEL NEWS

MAY-AUGUST, 2017



VISION ACCOMPLISHED: Sherith Israel's iconic dome, freshly painted and waterproofed, stands out against the spring sky. The completion of the work on the roof marked the final stage of the seismic retrofit construction.

Koret grant leaves only \$1.3 million to go on our \$16 million retrofit

SCAFFOLDING DOWN, SEISMIC WORK DONE

The decades-long challenge to seismically retrofit our historic sanctuary building ended in April with the completion of phase two. Moreover, the parallel challenge to fund the construction received a huge boost in March when the Koret Foundation awarded Sherith Israel a \$600,000 grant to support the Seismic Retrofit Campaign.

"We are in compliance with all of the City's seismic requirements," says former board member **Ellen Schumm**, who has been involved with the project since its inception. "This building is so stable, it's awesome."

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Our champions make it work!

BOARD FINALIZES NEW DUES PLAN

After five years of research and much discussion, early this year the Sherith Israel Board of Trustees put the finishing touches on the congregation's new dues structure. "We evaluated our old 'fair-share' plan and discovered that it wasn't really working," says membership chair **Valerie Jahan**. "We also looked at synagogues with 'voluntary' dues structures. Ultimately, we realized that congregants really want to know what level of dues commitment is expected each year. Knowing what they need to pay allows people to budget and makes everyone feel more comfortable."

The new plan is tiered by age and family size. Individuals 35 years old and under will be asked to commit \$1,000 per year to Sherith Israel. Individuals 36 and older will be asked to commit \$1,800. Families or households whose oldest member is 35 or younger will be asked to pledge \$1,500, and families or households whose oldest member is 36 or old-

er will be asked to contribute \$2,500 in annual dues.

Nancy Sheftel-Gomes, interim executive director, has been rolling out the new approach to dues with members who joined CSI during the past year. "Our recent congregants have been fine with these numbers," says Nancy. "People really like to have a target so they know what to expect."

The board also clarified when dues must be paid. Since members must be in good standing before the High Holidays to receive tickets, the trustees designated August 31 as the cut-off date for paying dues. Notes Valerie, "That's when congregants' membership commitment will need to be paid in full." As 2017 is a transition year for the new dues structure, members on monthly payment plans will be considered up-to-date this August and must complete payments by

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Celebrate Rabbi Saxe-Taller
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 6 pm

Retrofit Celebration
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 6 pm



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A MOMENT WITH RABBI JULIE SAXE-TALLER



THEMES I RETURN TO, AGAIN AND AGAIN

It's sometimes said that each rabbi has just one sermon. Not surprisingly, I've always hated this saying! I don't want all of the insights I've ever tried to share to be reduced to just one message. Even so, I admit there are a small number of key themes to which I often return. At the top of this list are the call to pursue justice and the centrality of Shabbat. Together, these concepts remind us that we are here both to shape the world and also to enjoy it. But "themes" alone are not very impactful. It is details, examples and stories that bring ideas to life.

As I reflect on the past thirteen years as a rabbi of Sherith Israel, many stories come to mind. Here are just a few:

For the past several years, our pre-b'nai mitzvah families have spent a full Shabbat together at a retreat site in Petaluma. The first year, I led a night hike under a beautiful, starry sky, pausing at various spots to sing and pray. When we arrived at a grassy plateau to recite the *Shema*, we all looked up, and together we gasped in amazement at the longest shooting star we had ever seen. It was a memorable beginning to the year of preparation for bar and bat mitzvah.

A year later, the next class of students and their families came together for the Shabbaton, and as we hiked in the dark toward that same grassy plateau, I wistfully remembered the shooting star. But this time the road was turning to mud under our feet and the rainclouds en-

sured that we wouldn't see any shooting stars. We walked despite the rain, and our connection to the night air, the sounds of the raindrops and to each other brought our prayers to life. The legacy of Shabbat, when we break from work, homework, emails and even video games, makes these moments possible.

I am blessed with many memories of social justice work with members of Sherith Israel. These range from cooking for HaMotzi to hosting the San Francisco public defender regarding police accountability. Last month, a group of CSI members participated in a multi-faith coalition to lobby our state representatives for full protection of immigrants (see page 7). I had the honor of speaking to the crowd of 1,500 people on behalf of the Jewish community. I realized I needed to match the power and energy of the inspiring leaders who spoke before me. If I was going to show up for that moment, I had to be both humble and confident. I took a deep breath and reminded myself why it matters for California to protect immigrants from persecution. I also remembered that it was important for this crowd to know something about Jews. These thoughts stilled my nerves and prepared me to speak from my heart. The bill we were supporting that day has just passed the state Senate, reminding us of the value of taking actions that matter. It is good for us and good for the world when we do what our tradition calls us to do. ■

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am [only] for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" — Pirkei Avot 1:14

The great sage Hillel asks three key questions. Must we be completely selfless? The answer is no. Every human being has a right and an obligation to enjoy the good things God has provided. That being so, should we be concerned only with ourselves? No, again. Judaism imposes on us the

duty to care for others, to live as a community rather than as disparate individuals. Can we delay being for others? Again, no. We cannot stand by when suffering or injustice takes place, and we must teach our children to respond. ■

4 Questions for RABBI JESSICA GRAF

Last July 1, Rabbi Jessica Graf became Sherith Israel's 10th senior rabbi. Rabbi Graf took the pulpit at a time of great change at Sherith Israel and in the Jewish community. We asked her to discuss her accomplishments and, with her new perspective, the challenges ahead.

Q: What have been your most memorable achievements during a very busy first year?

A: In some ways, it's hard to believe this really is my first year as senior rabbi of Sherith Israel. It feels like I've been here for decades. That's because I have! It's been wonderful to be "home" at Sherith Israel but in a very different capacity. Now I'm helping to lead some of the changes I've long dreamed would bring new energy to our community.

Bringing **Cantor David Frommer** on board certainly counts as a wonderful achievement (especially since the congregation doesn't have to listen to me sing off key so much). The High Holidays turned out quite well—great credit to Cantor Frommer. So many congregants told us how meaningful services were for them during the year. We also experimented with new styles of t'filah, including our wonderful Musical Shabbats on the first Friday of each month, and our new Shabbat Mishpacha services for families with kids five and under—and their friends and relatives. The kids' excitement as they carry their own stuffed Torahs in a procession is adorable. Come check out our new services—we'd love your feedback.

Also, under **Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller's** guidance, we got our new Chesed Committee up and running. It is a vision that I believe will turn our community into one in which members truly support each other in times of sadness and joy. We're well on our way, and we're continuing to grow this web of caring volunteers.

We're also creating a new leadership group of young adults ready to build their own community at CSI. We've had many young adults become part of our congregation. Now, they'll take their relationships and participation to a new level as they share their Jewish lives with their peers. Of course, Sherith Israel is a community for people of all ages, and we welcome everyone's involvement. To learn more, please contact me.

Q: What have you found to be your greatest challenge?

A: Simply put, my lack of patience. I'm a high-energy person, and I like to make things happen. Of course, Rome wasn't built in a day, and we're still working on Sherith Israel after 166 years. I'm excited about bringing new energy and new people to Sherith Israel. That starts with new ideas, and they come to me at all hours of the day and night. It will take some time for us to try them all out, so I'm constantly prioritizing—and learning to take my time. If only there were more than 24 hours in a day!

Q: What are you looking forward to in your second year?

A: This first year has been a whirlwind of learning and doing, of listening and brainstorming, of exploring and dreaming. I look forward to starting my second year with a year of experience behind me. That means raising the bar for the High Holidays. Many other things are working well, and we want to build on them. For example, we redesigned the bar/bat mitzvah service, choosing some different melodies, improving the flow of the service and creating a beautiful new certificate for our students. Next year, we can focus less on the details and more on encouraging congregants to come to our b'nai mitzvah services and celebrate our communal simchas.

Q: Overall, how would you characterize your first year as senior rabbi?

A: This has been the busiest year of my life! I often find myself awake at three a.m. imagining how we might experiment with a new idea for a program. Luckily, Cantor Frommer doesn't sleep much either. So, he and I chat on the phone and toss around ideas long after everyone else in this city is sound asleep. (In all fairness, I can't say that all my sleepless nights have been spent dreaming about synagogue programs. Some have been spent trying to get a baby to sleep!) My enthusiasm for the exciting work ahead keeps me going. I'm very much looking forward to the second year of growing in my new role. ■

RETROFIT, from page 1

Phase two affected virtually every part of the building, from the foundation to the dome. “It was more varied than phase one,” notes Ellen, an architect. The second phase of construction included strengthening the foundation, adding pilasters to stabilize the north wall behind the organ and installing nitinol rods in the attic to restrain the walls from falling outwards in a major quake.

Other safety work included stabilizing the exterior sandstone by removing pieces of stone that were at risk of falling in the event of a quake. “Stabilizing the stone is all part of seismic safety,” says board vice-president **Craig Etlin**, who has shepherded the project for more than 16 years.

In addition to the seismic work, Ellen notes that we made other upgrades to enhance the “quality of life” of the building. She cites the addition of a number of accessibility upgrades—new ADA-accessible bathrooms on the first and second floors of the sanctuary building and new ADA-accessible seating in the balcony. Ellen was most excited about the addition of a portable lift to increase access to the bimah.

“We also upgraded our electrical and heating systems,” she reports. “The old heating system and ductwork needed to be removed when the new foundation work was done in the basement. Rather than reinstall the old system, we put in a new, more efficient system.” The electrical upgrades include a panel of switches to control the lights in the sanctuary itself.

Perhaps the most exciting upgrade is the addition of solar panels on the roof. According to Craig, the panels will provide roughly half the electricity the building uses. Craig cites an estimate by the solar contractor that the panels will pay for themselves in less than seven years. Net savings over the warranty life of the panels will be more than \$385,000.

Finally, we were able to repaint the drum of the dome to match the building’s sandstone exterior and do a complete reroofing job to address the leaks that have plagued the building over the years.

Both Craig and Ellen praise the team effort that made this a “dream project.” Ellen notes the close collaboration among architects ELS Architecture and Urban Design, engineers Wiss Janney Elstner Associates, and contractor Plant Construction, as well as the CSI staff and congregants who worked with them. She calls this “one of the most successful projects I’ve ever worked on.”

“ELS was with us from the very beginning of the project,” notes Craig. “The terrific thing is that all of our design and contracting people really liked the project. I always felt we were getting a little bit extra.”

Craig believes we were fortunate to be able to work with WJE. “**Sig Freeman** first saw the possibility of an innovative approach to strengthening the building,” Craig says, “and **Terry Paret** made the design work.”

“I can’t say enough good things about Plant,” Craig adds. “They were meticulous in their planning and execution. This was such a complex project, we needed someone with Plant’s experience.”

Craig lauds the contribution of several congregants. In particular, he notes the roles played by **Bernie Slomowitz** (z”l) and **Charley Stern**, who acted as the owner’s reps on phase one and two, respectively. “Bernie and Charley dealt with everything.”

Van Hart, a member of the building and grounds committee, took charge of the dome, the roof and the solar installation. It was Van who found painting contractor **D. Zelinsky & Sons**, who in turn figured out how to access and work on the dome without the expense of a scaffold to the very top of the building.

Meanwhile, the Seismic Retrofit campaign continued to make strides. Koret’s \$600,000 grant to support the retrofit brings the San Francisco foundation’s total contribution to the project to \$800,000 and leaves us only \$1.3 million short of fully funding the project.

Campaign co-chair **Lynn Sedway**, who coordinated the Koret application process, states that the gift is a further affirmation of Sherith Israel’s sanctuary as a living piece of San Francisco’s Jewish history and its Jewish future. “The San Francisco Jewish community has supported us with tremendous generosity,” she notes. “Without that support, we could not have met our goals.”

David Newman, Lynn’s co-chair, is optimistic about closing out the campaign. “Throughout this campaign, the Sherith Israel community has risen to

the occasion,” he says. “Now is the time for the final push that puts this challenge behind us once and for all.”

Our current and past senior rabbis see the significance of completing the retrofit in generational terms. **Rabbi Emeritus Larry Raphael**, whose tenure at Sherith Israel was defined by the retrofit, praises the “many partners” who enabled us “to achieve what many thought was impossible, building a lasting legacy that will stand the test of time—and quake—to be an inheritance for future generations of congregants.”

Senior Rabbi Jessica Graf calls the completion of the retrofit an “exciting moment in Sherith Israel’s history that allows us to look far into the future. Our beautiful sanctuary will be here—and be strong—for generations to come.”

For Craig and Ellen, the completion of the retrofit construction is “almost unbelievable.” Ellen adds, “Taking on the seismic retrofit of this complicated, doesn’t-follow-the-rules building is a huge accomplishment for any congregation.”

Craig believed from the beginning that preserving the building was about preserving the congregation. “I feel like a cloud has lifted,” he adds. “The question whether we will survive has been answered. Now we can thrive.” ■

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BEHIND THE SCENES WITH EVAN KLETTER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

GRATITUDE

Three years ago, when I became president of Sherith Israel's Board of Trustees, I ran into our Rabbi Emeritus Martin Weiner at a Friday-night service. I'll never forget what he said.

Rabbi Weiner told me how proud he was that one of his bar mitzvah students had become the congregational president. I was moved, because I could feel his pride. He added that being a congregational president was one of the best things I could do in Jewish life. It hit me that I was shouldering some big responsibilities, but I'm glad to say that I couldn't be more grateful for all the opportunities I've had.

I learned from Rabbi Larry Raphael, now retired, that the work was not about the rabbi, the executive director or me as president. What counted was the congregation and how we served them. You! But I found there's more to it. I have to say, selfishly, that being president has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. I took the role seriously and put my all into it—and re-

ally felt rewarded. Our team experienced many successes, and I'm proud of them. There were also many challenges, often more difficult than I anticipated, but doable, like completing our seismic retrofit. I remain grateful that our board, our clergy and our congregation trusted me to be president.

I'm also grateful to have played a role in helping Sherith Israel build a brighter future. Talk about Sherith Israel kids coming back! After Rabbi Raphael insisted he wouldn't hold his position for life, we found a wonderful senior rabbi right here. **Rabbi Jessica Graf**, a bat mitzvah during Rabbi Weiner's long tenure, has been a wonderful senior rabbi, sharing, shaping and implementing our vision for Sherith Israel.

More gratitude? Sure. I'm grateful that the board listened to Rabbi Graf's request for a cantor and brought on **Cantor David Frommer**. Cantor Frommer's boundless energy has inspired everyone. I also must express gratitude to **Nancy Sheftel-Gomes**, our interim executive di-

rector, for stepping up to the plate when we needed her most and hitting one home run after another. I'm especially grateful to the congregants who served on our board these last three years. It was a pleasure to work with such dedicated and incredible people. And I have to share with you some of my favorite moments—greeting congregants and guests in the foyer during the High Holidays and seeing a thousand faces as I addressed the congregation from the bimah.

Not one last note of gratitude, but two, actually three. My term as president never would have worked if it wasn't for the support I got from my wife **Alicia**, who is also my confidante. Our children, **Moses** and **Talia**, were tickled pink to call me "President." They made me feel important. Equally, *thank you*—all our congregants—who serve on committees and support our many worship activities and programs. I got to know so many of you, and that may be the biggest gift I've ever received. ■



WHEN A COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Celebrate the completion of our seismic retrofit and the generosity that made it possible.

Friday, June 9, 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat service with special guests
Festive oneg following

Mark this milestone with your Sherith Israel family and friends.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION: 2017-2018

In mid-May, parents will receive an invoice for the coming school year and a link to their Sherith Israel account. We can walk every parent through online registration. Parents also will have the opportunity to finalize registration with a live signature on the last day of school.

THE JEWISH LENS AT CSI

This winter the 8th grade participated in an exciting photography project, the Jewish Lens. "We had a lovely time taking photos to shed light on Judaism throughout the temple," explains eighth-grader **Shoshana Alessi**. The goal of the project was to document being a Sherith Israel teen at this moment in time. The students studied differences between posed and candid images and objectivity versus subjectivity. At the end of the

project they created a slideshow that aligned meaningful Jewish text and prayers to our modern-day Religious School occurrences. Everyone in the class participated, using phones to take the photos. The project was funded through a grant from The Jewish Lens, dedicated to documenting the Jewish teen experience. "Thank you so much for your interest in our project," adds Shoshana. "We learned a lot." *The quotes below were chosen from or adapted from our Mishkan T'filah prayerbook.*



*With our lives we give life.
Something of us can never die:
We move in the eternal cycle
Of darkness and death,
Of light and life.*

— Photo by Max Klivans



*Prayer invites
God's Presence to suffuse our
spirits,
God's will to prevail in our
lives.*

— Photo by Nina Morgenstein

*Who does not hunger:
For friendship, understand-
ing, warmth, and love.*

—Photo by Sydney Szarnicki



*Let us continue to work for
the day*

*When the nations will be
one and at peace.*

*Then shall we rejoice as
Israel did, Singing on the
shores of the sea*

—Photo by Nina Morgenstein



*May the door of this
Art Room be wide
enough to receive all
who hunger for love,
all who are lonely for
friendship.*

—Photo by Emmy Etlin



*For the good in us, which calls us to a better life, we
give thanks.*

*For the strength to improve the world with our hearts
and our hands, we offer praise.*

*For the desire in us which leads us to work for peace,
we are grateful.*

*For life and nature, harmony and beauty, for the
hope of tomorrow, all praise to the Source of Being.*

— Photo by Natalie Weizman, teacher



TIKKUN OLAM CORNER

For the past few years Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller has spearheaded our social-action activities. As she prepares to leave Sherith Israel for new adventures, she is passing our social-action portfolio on to **Stacy Passman**, chair of the committee. Stacy explains that our social-action work falls into two categories. "Service opportunities like cooking for HaMotzi and Chicken Soupers, and helping out at the food bank or teaching children to read through the Jewish Coalition for Literacy, form our program's core. We also advocate for social justice, particularly in conjunction with other Jewish and interfaith organizations." Here's what's happening...

SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA VALUES

On March 15, **Karen** and **Elise Alschuler**, **Teresa Brown** and her daughter **Sarai Brown-Ratner**, **David Levin** and Rabbi Saxe-Taller joined 1500 people in Sacramento to rally support for SB 54, the "CA Values Act," and SB 31, the "Religious Freedom Act." Rabbi Saxe-Taller spoke about the importance of supporting immigrants' rights and religious diversity. Activities were organized by Bay Area-based Faith In Action.

"It was fabulous," says Karen. "There was a real feeling of family—a community with common interests and passions about human rights and social justice." Reflects Rabbi Saxe-Taller, "People came from all over California to rally in support of this important legislation. We are building our collective voice and strength to work together."

REFORM CA

Karen also is Sherith Israel's representative to Reform CA, a coalition of Reform congregations working on statewide social-justice issues. She is participating in a series of webinars with Reform CA leaders and experts on issues being considered for the coming year. "We have heard from Muslim leaders, the Latino community and experts on safety and justice, healthcare and women's reproductive rights," she says. "This is rich territory to explore possible CSI actions for our members and speakers for the congregation."

CONSULTATION ON CONSCIENCE WITH THE URJ'S RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER

Stacy, Karen and board member **Erik Migdail** are delegates to the Union for Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center's 2017 Consultation on Conscience conference in Washington, D.C., this May. The gathering will be an inspirational training weekend. "It's the perfect moment for us to learn more about national issues that we can impact from here," says Karen.

LOCAL INTERFAITH CONNECTION

Sherith Israel continues its relationship with St. Paul of the Shipwreck Catholic Church in Bayview-Hunters Point. Church members joined Sherith Israel for our congregational Passover Seder, and CSI members have attended a gospel mass at the church. "Our hope is to make friendships and find commonalities as people," comments Stacy.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 15, 6-7:30 pm

"Please join us as we report back about Reform CA and the RAC's Consultation on Conscience," adds Stacy. "Help us plan our next actions." *Stacy Passman, spassman@gmail.com.*

HAMOTZI & CHICKEN SOUPERS

HaMotzi: Sundays, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Chicken Soupers:

One Sunday a month, noon-4 pm

May 7, June 4, July 2 and Aug. 6

HaMotzi volunteers prepare 100 meals for two shelters in San Francisco weekly. Chicken Souper volunteers prepare meals for clients of Jewish Family and Children's Services monthly. Volunteers needed to shop, pick up donations, cook and deliver. *Nancy Sheftel-Gomes, 415.346.1720, x28, or nsgomes@sherithisrael.org.*

JEWISH COALITION FOR LITERACY

Sherith Israel tutors help eliminate childhood illiteracy one book and one child at a time, working in schools with large numbers of English-learners. *Janet Parker, jparkersf@gmail.com, or 415.282.1495.*



MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD IN SACRAMENTO: Left] **David Levin**, **Elise Alschuler**, **Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller**, **Karen Alschuler**, **Sarai Brown-Ratner** and **Teresa Brown** join forces with 1,500 people from congregations around the state to advocate on behalf of immigrants' rights and religious diversity. Center] Rabbi Saxe-Taller with **Dolores Huerta**, co-founder of the United Farm Workers. Right] Rabbi Saxe-Taller speaking at the rally before lobbying for SB 54 and SB 31.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Avodah



✓ **JOSH NELSON—
SPECIAL GUEST,
MUSICAL SHABBAT**
Friday, May 5, 6 pm

One of the most popular performers and composers in modern Jewish music, Josh joins Rabbi Jessica Graf, Cantor David Frommer, music director Jonathan Dimmock and CSI's Koleynu choir and ensemble for a Shabbat filled with special ruach. Enjoy Josh's exuberance, music and message of hope, unity and spirituality. Catered dinner follows Kiddush. *RSVP for dinner: \$18 for adult members; \$36 for adult nonmembers; \$12 for children 6-13; free for preschoolers under 5.*

**HONORING AND SAYING
FAREWELL TO
RABBI JULIE-SAXE TALLER**
Friday, May 12

6 pm: Services
**7:30 pm: Festive oneg, light buffet
dinner, jam session and potluck
dessert buffet**

Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller has enriched CSI with her wisdom, joy and commitment to social justice for the past 13 years. Join us to say thank you and shalom at a Shabbat celebration featuring Rabbi Larry Raphael and guests Susan Lubeck, national field director of Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice, and Dr. Jennifer Martinez, executive director of Faith in Action.

✓ **HACHUTZAH—
LAG B'OMER BONFIRE**
Saturday, May 13, 7:30 pm
CSI member's backyard, Cole Valley

Celebrate the 33rd day between Passover and Shavuot with songs and stories. Connect with Jewish history and mysticism over a bonfire. Bring warm layers, portable chairs or picnic blankets, and sticks for roasting marshmallows. *Address provided upon RSVP.*

SHABBAT CHAI
Saturday, May 20
**9:15–10:30 am: Class time for youth
and adults**
**10:30 am: Services in the sanctuary
for everyone**
12:15 pm: Potluck lunch in the chapel

Celebrate the last day of Religious School with an experiential morning highlighting the themes and accomplishments of the year. Everyone is invited for Torah Study, services or to schmooze in the pavilion. A potluck Kiddush follows.

TRAVELING SHAVUOT
California Corridor Learning Crawl
Tuesday, May 30
6 pm: Lay-led minyan
**7 pm: Class on Jewish food with
Rabbi Larry Raphael**
**8:30 pm–midnight and beyond: Jewish
learning along California Street**

Join Rabbi Jessica Graf, Cantor David Frommer, Rabbi Larry Raphael, interim executive director Nancy Sheftel-Gomes, and rabbis and teachers from JCCSF, Emanu-El, and Beth Sholom for a stimulating evening of Jewish learning. See your Under the Dome email for event details.

Shabbat Services

FRIDAY EVENINGS

All services:

6 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat services
7:15 pm: Kiddush and oneg

Join us to welcome Shabbat under the Sherith Israel dome.

✓ **MUSICAL SHABBAT**
First Friday of each month
May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4
Catered Shabbat dinner follows

Join Rabbi Graf, Cantor Frommer, music director Jonathan Dimmock, Koleynu, our congregational choir and ensemble, and visiting musicians as we fill our dome with music. Josh Nelson joins us May 5.

Shabbat dinner: Catered by congregants David and Mary Sperber of Town's End Restaurant and Bakery. Kosher chicken or vegetarian option. *\$18 for adult members; \$36 for adult nonmembers; \$12 for children 6-13; free for preschoolers under 5.*

✓ **FAMILY SHABBAT**
Second Friday of the month
July 14 and Aug. 11
Potluck dinner follows

Enjoy a lively family Shabbat with Cantor Frommer and song leader Lior Ben-Hur, followed by congregational vegetarian dinner and potluck dessert.

SATURDAY MORNINGS
9:15 am: Torah Study
Bagels and lox, coffee and tea.

10:30 am: Shabbat morning services
Intimate, informal, services using our *Mishkan T'filah* prayerbook. Includes chanting or reading from our Torah scrolls.

**WE DID IT!
SEISMIC RETROFIT CELEBRATION**

Friday, June 9

6 pm: Services

7:30 pm: Festive oneg

We made the impossible happen—the retrofit is done! Join us to offer thanks to everyone who made this amazing day possible. Cantor David Frommer and musical guests will supply the ruach. San Francisco Jewish historian Fred Rosenbaum will supply the perspective. After services, enjoy a festive oneg and schmoozing with fellow congregants whose generosity made it all possible.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

5778/2017



S'LICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 16

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, Sept. 20

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, Sept. 21

KOL NIDRE

Friday, Sept. 29

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

✓ = REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE www.sherithisrael.org
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Adult

✓ RECIPES AS JEWISH HISTORY Rabbi Larry Raphael Tuesdays, May 9–30, 7–8:30 pm

See how geography, culture and food have blended in Jewish history and religious practice. Recipes and samples included!

May 9: Food during Biblical and Rabbinic times

May 16: Jewish dietary laws and observance

May 23: Jewish foods around the world

May 30: Holiday foods

\$36 course fee helps cover food samples. Registration requested.

ONGOING BEGINNING HEBREW FOR ADULTS Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am Hilda Isaacson

New adult Hebrew classes begin in September. Fee: \$50 per semester, includes books; scholarships available. *Nancy Sheftel-Gomes, 415.346.1720, x28, or nsngomes@sherithisrael.org.*

✓ PRIME TIME CLUB Monthly lunch and learn Second Friday, noon–2 pm For congregants and guests 65 (or getting there) and older

May 12: Rabbi Jessica Graf. Rabbi Graf offers slides and stories about her service as visiting rabbi at the World Union for Progressive Judaism's congregation in Mumbai, India. Lunch includes a taste of India.

June 9: Nikolaus Hohmann, Ph.D., chair of the humanities and sciences department at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Dr. Hohmann will discuss the history of Israel in the context of Islamic history: "We Got Our Jewish State; What Could Possibly Go Wrong?"

Thanks to the Max and Marilyn Singer Foundation for its continuing support of our Prime Time lunch series.

KOLEYNU: SING FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS Rehearsals: Tuesdays, June 6–Sept. 26 7:15–9 pm, Cantor David Frommer

Our congregational choir Koleynu joins our professional choristers at all major services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please join us. No singing experience required—just bring your spirit! *Cantor David Frommer, 415.346.1720, x19, or dfrommer@sherithisrael.org.*

✓ ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, May 4 5:30 pm: Doors open 6 pm: Dinner 6:30 pm: Meeting

Hear about the state of the congregation and welcome our new officers and members of the CSI Board of Trustees.

BOOK CLUB Mondays, 7 pm

May 15: *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris; facilitated by Julie Lekach House.

June 26: Book selections for 2017-18.

The Book Club goes on holiday for the summer and resumes in the fall.

ORGAN CONCERT Monday, May 22, 8 pm—No charge Jonathan Dimmock

Enjoy a 50-minute, celebratory concert sponsored by the San Francisco Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. It honors our deservedly famous and newly restored Murray Harris Organ. Our own Jonathan Dimmock will be joined by cellist Angela Lee.

✓ JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE S.F. GIANTS Monday, August 21 7:15 pm: vs. Milwaukee Brewers 5–7 pm: Pre-game party

Root for the Giants, get a special gift and enjoy pre-game festivities. Bleacher tickets available from CSI—\$25.

✓ BASEBALL NIGHT WITH MARTY LURIE Thursday, Aug. 10, 5:30 pm

Join KNBR Radio's Marty Lurie for a fascinating evening talking baseball past and present. Enjoy hot dogs, popcorn and beer. *RSVP by August 8.*

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL July 20–August 6 Castro Theater, San Francisco

Sherith Israel is pleased to be a community partner of this summer's 37th San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, presented by the Jewish Film Institute. Early Bird ticket packages go on sale Thursday, May 18, with the full lineup announced June 20. *For more information, visit jfi.org or sfjff.org.*

Early Childhood Education

✓ SHABBAT MISHPACHAH Saturday, May 20—Newman Hall 11 am–12:30 pm: Service for children under 5, families and friends

Mishpachah means family. Celebrate Shabbat with Cantor Frommer, Rabbi Graf and families with children under five for a creative, fun musical service, including plush Torah toys and reading from the Torah. Grandparents and friends welcome! Kosher snacks provided.

✓ SHABBAT MISHPACHAH AT THE BEACH Saturday, June 3, 11 am Crissy Field—West Beach across from the Warming Hut

Bring the family for a lively Shabbat morning with Cantor Frommer and Rabbi Graf in our beautiful Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Remember a blanket and beach toys, and pack a lunch and snacks.

WEEKLY PLAYGROUPS Mondays and Fridays, 10:30 am–noon Infants to 4-year-olds

Get your playgroup groove on with JAMaROO Kids at CSI—music, movement, stories and playtime. All families and nannies welcome! On Fridays, noon–12:15 pm, welcome Shabbat with Cantor Frommer. *All classes are drop-in, no preregistration required. \$12 for cash; \$14 with a credit card. Information: jamarookids.com.*

✓ SUPER SOCCER STARS Free demo class: June 20 Tuesdays, June 27–Aug. 22 (no class on July 4)

Kids 2 to 3 years old:
Tuesdays, 10:05–10:45 am

Kids 12 to 24 months old:
Tuesdays, 10:50–11:30 am

Kids learn soccer skills in a fun, noncompetitive, educational and team-building environment. *Registration for Super Soccer Stars summer session: 415.233.8277, or la.supersoccerstars.com.*



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Coming home and finding one

PROFILE: KATIE AND LUKE ZIER

For many young Jewish families in big cities like San Francisco, synagogue involvement provides a familiar connection and a warm welcome hard to find elsewhere. Katie and Luke Zier are emblematic of this renewal. They've made Congregation Sherith Israel an important part of their growing family, which includes daughter **Everly**, two-and-a-half, and a baby girl due mid-May.

Everly is the third generation of Luke's family to be part of the Sherith Israel community. This is where Luke became a bar mitzvah and attended religious school. When he returned to the Bay Area to attend medical school, Luke, a cardiologist practicing at UCSF, found Sherith Israel was still a place where he felt at home. **Cantor Emeritus Marty Feldman** is a family friend and officiated at Katie and Luke's wedding. Now, Everly and her parents join in Tot Shabbat services and religious holiday events, and Everly's sister will, too. "This is our synagogue," Luke says. "My daughters will be part of Sherith Israel as they're growing up, just like I was."

Katie also has a close connection to Sherith Israel, and in multiple ways. She was not raised Jewish, but her interest in Judaism blossomed not long after she and Luke married. Katie reached out to **Rabbi Emeritus Larry Raphael**, intending to learn more about Judaism's teachings and traditions. Rabbi Raphael suggested she attend Shabbat services to see if Sherith Israel would be a fit for her. Soon, Katie was immersed in her conversion process, studying Jewish history and beliefs with a mentor, fellow congregant **Lisa Erdberg**, and taking Hebrew classes at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco.

"When Katie decided to convert, I became more intensely connected with the temple than I had been since religious school," Luke says. "The entire community was so welcoming of her. It was what I remembered."

After her conversion, Katie wanted to give back to CSI in a deeper way. Service on several committees led to her being named to the Board of Trustees. Since May 2016, Katie has been CSI's treasurer, bringing financial management expertise to Sherith Israel and maintaining fiscal responsibility, drawing on her executive position at healthcare giant McKesson Corporation.

The treasurer's role, Katie explains, is to provide the board, senior staff and clergy with strategic financial oversight and guidance, along with clear, actionable financial reporting. In this capacity, Katie chairs monthly Budget and Finance Committee meetings, prepares financial reporting at both the board and management level, and presents her reports to the board at its monthly meetings. She also oversees the temple's annual budgeting process. Among Katie's major accomplishments is redesigning the congregation's financial statements to accommodate cash-based reporting and making expense budgets more streamlined and efficient.

Katie and Luke are living proof that volunteering time, providing professional expertise, or simply attending Shabbat services can make a real difference to our congregation. They became involved with CSI activities and met other young people. Friendships formed as schmoozing led to socializing outside of temple. Now, many of these couples have children of their own, enlarging the circle.

"I didn't have a plan for how I was going to be involved in the Jewish community in San Francisco," Luke says. "It has worked out fabulously for us at Sherith Israel, and we're happy we've been able to re-engage with the synagogue. I am profoundly happy with the community here."

As Katie and Luke's example shows, the sanctuary's magnificent dome, now lovingly restored, is clearly big and broad enough for generations to come. Says Luke: "There are points in people's lives where they're going to reconnect with a synagogue. By having friends who are part of the temple, part of the community, and by getting drawn in, you recognize the importance of it and what it adds to your life." ■



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION:

Katie, Luke and Everly Zier are the second and third generations of their family involved with Sherith Israel. Katie serves as the congregation's treasurer.

Mazel tov to **Justice Kathryn Werdegar**, the longest-serving member of the California Supreme Court. Kathryn, appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson in 1994, will step down from the bench on August 31. As she told the *LA Times*, “It has been a great privilege and honor to serve the people of California as an associate justice of the California Supreme Court for 23 years.” ...

In other legal news, **Ben Mains**, staff attorney in the SF district attorney’s office, was featured in the *Bay Area Reporter* for his work as leader of the department’s hate crimes unit. In the article Ben notes, “The line is so gray between what is a hate crime and what’s not.” Regardless, he says, “You’ve got to report it, and we will work it out.” Thanks Ben for taking on an important job...

We were thrilled to see **Cantor David Frommer**’s piece in the *Washington Post* on April 10 about his Passover adventures in Afghanistan last year. As Cantor Frommer wrote, “From musket balls to matzah balls, American Jews have observed the Festival of Passover while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces throughout our nation’s history.” Accomplishing that in strange environments like Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan is a miracle in itself. Yasher koach for a job well done and an engaging story to repeat at the Seder table for years to come ...

Kudos to **Jonathan Graf, MD**, selected as the 2017 medical honoree for the Arthritis Foundation’s SF Walk to Cure Arthritis on May 20. Arthritis is the #1 cause of disability in the United States, affecting more than 50 million people...

And congrats to **Max Schumm**, son of **Ellen** and **Dan Schumm** and a Sherith Israel bar mitzvah and confirmand. He graduates from the Medical College of Wisconsin this May and will begin his residency in general surgery at UCLA in June...

Former CSI board president **David Newman** added to his retirement portfolio when he was invited to become a member of the board of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California, representing our local Jewish Community Relations Council. JPAC is an umbrella organization of Jewish organizations from throughout California. It advocates on behalf of public policy issues of concern to California’s Jewish community...

David **Perlstein** has a new novel out—*The Odd Plight of Adonis Licht*. It’s about an ordinary looking young man with a dead-end career, who undergoes a magical transformation and finds that being celebrity-handsome isn’t all it’s cracked up to be. Read more at Amazon.com...

New CSI member **Leslie Rabine** is a guest curator of African-Print Fashion Now! A Story of Taste, Globalization, and Style at the Fowler Museum at UCLA. Leslie recently retired from teaching women’s studies and French at UC Davis. Her current focus is on African fashion, photography and youth arts. The exhibit, which introduces visitors to the dynamic tradition of African dress, runs through July 30. If you’re in LA this summer, stop by!...

Song leader **Lior Ben-Hur** has had a busy spring. It included a “So I Wander” acoustic tour in Costa Rica and Panama and a show at Ashkenaz in Berkeley with his band, Sol Tevé. They shared the stage with **Prezident Brown**, a Jamaican reggae artist. Lior also spent Passover in Israel. He and the band are preparing for a May 26 album release party at The Independent on Divisadero. We look forward to hearing Lior at **Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller**’s farewell party on May 12...

Speaking of music and travel, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international umbrella organization of the Reform movement, is presenting an awesome Caribbean cruise, *Igniting the Musical Jewish Soul*, aboard the Royal Caribbean’s Adventure of the Seas. The cruise, with featured singer Josh Nelson, takes place February 17–24, 2018. To learn more about this stimulating cruise, with visits to historic Reform congregations, Jewish music, shared song and prayer, contact **Steve** or **Laura Olson**, olsonsteveh@gmail.com or laurazolson@gmail.com...

Rabbi Emeritus **Larry Raphael** is on the host committee for the Beyond Genocide Campaign Gala Dessert Reception, 7 pm, Tuesday, August 29, at Peninsula Sinai, organized by the Board of Rabbis of Northern California and interfaith organizations. The event honors **Rabbi Marvin Goodman**, **Rev. Victor Kazanjian** and **Fatih Ates**, and features speaker **Mir Salem Daoud**, religious leader of the Yezidi people in North America. Proceeds support the Yezidis, indigenous to northern Iraq, who are being actively targeted for annihilation. See norcalrabbis.org/yezidis/gala/ for more information about this important event.

Check out the News Nosh’s new Cblog, Hidden-InSite, a site about surprising and delightful places near and far. **Ellen Newman** has been collecting stories and photos between CSI newsletters, and now it’s time to share. A preview of coming attractions—stories about Israel and chasing the best halvah from Tel Aviv to Boston and New York. Have a look at hidden-insite.com. ■

By the News Nosh, aka Ellen Newman.

Please send bits and bites of gossip to ellennewman@earthlink.net. Be sure to put “News Nosh” in the subject line.

DUES PLAN, from page 1

December 31. In 2018, monthly plans will run for eight months from January to August. The new payment schedule is designed to help our revenue stream.

To ensure that everyone is welcome as a member at Sherith Israel regardless of financial means, payment plans can be personalized. “We can help people pay monthly or quarterly and can vary the amount according to what people can afford to pay,” Valerie says. She emphasizes that no one will ever be turned away based on their ability to pay dues. “We want everyone to feel welcome. That’s why we don’t want to see bank statements or tax returns. Anyone with questions should give me or Nancy Sheftel-Gomes a call.”

Dues letters for 2018 will be mailed to congregants in December. Although payment is not due until August, the congregation needs members’ commitments by the end of January. “By making your dues pledge in January, you help the staff and board know what to expect financially for the coming year, which allows time for budgeting and planning.”

One question that often comes up is whether dues can bring in sufficient revenue to run the synagogue without ad-

ditional fundraising. “In general, across the country, dues tend to bring in less than 50 percent of synagogue budgets,” explains Valerie. Our new dues pricing is similar to that of our neighboring congregations, with Marin County synagogues coming in a bit higher than those in San Francisco or the East Bay. Additional Sherith Israel revenue comes from our Annual Fund and mitzvah gifts, as well as from facility rentals, particularly to Marin Day Schools. We also receive supplemental funding from specific program grants.

Sherith Israel champions make a difference. Even with the new dues structure Sherith Israel will continue to rely on the nearly 100 individuals, couples and families who make annual dues commitments of \$3,000 or more. “These generous supporters are CSI champions, and collectively they make it possible for us to welcome everyone to our community,” notes congregational president **Evan Kletter**. “They enable Judaism to thrive at Sherith Israel.”

JoBeth Walt and **Ira Fateman** are CSI champions. “Ira and I made a decision that we want to be part of a community,” comments JoBeth. “Over the years, I learned that community doesn’t come to

NEW DUES PLAN BY THE NUMBERS

Individuals 35 and under	\$1,000
Individuals 36 and older	\$1,800
Families or households whose oldest member is 35 or under	\$1,500
Families or households whose oldest member is 36 or older	\$2,500

you; you have to participate. For us that means investing in that community to make it sustainable. We’re very grateful we can do this.”

Ingrid Evans and her husband **Art Klein** are also happy to help out as Sherith Israel champions. “Money should not be an impediment for anyone to join a congregation or practice their faith,” says Ingrid, who recently converted to Judaism. “The congregation is very welcoming to everyone and the rabbis have been very accommodating and wonderful.”

Bottom line: Remember to pay your dues by August 31. And this winter, when you get your dues letter for 2018, please send in your dues commitment pledge by January 31 to facilitate your planning and Sherith Israel’s planning for the year. ■

SEDER AT CSI: Interim executive director **Nancy Sheftel-Gomes** lit the candles, our HaMotzi volunteers made the feast, and our clergy led more than 200 congregants, and friends and guests from St. Paul of the Shipwreck Catholic Church in prayer and song at Sherith Israel’s congregational seder. In addition to bringing the congregation together to celebrate Pesach, the seder is an annual fundraiser for our HaMotzi and Chicken Soups programs, raising thousands of dollars to help provide food deliveries to shelters and homebound adults.



Introducing Allison Green and May Oskan

NEW STAFF MEMBERS BRING COMMUNITY, BUSINESS EXPERIENCE TO CSI

If you've contacted the Sherith Israel office since early February, you have already had your first encounter with our newest staff members, Allison Green and May Oskan. And you've seen how their calm and professional manners enhance the Sherith Israel experience. Both Allison and May bring a broad range of office and nonprofit experience to their new jobs.

Allison has been involved as a Jewish community professional for years, beginning with her work in the development department at the Jewish Museum in New York. She moved from there to the New York-based development office of London's Sigmund Freud Museum. When that office closed, she was transferred to the museum in London, where she lived for the next 12 years.

When Allison returned to the U.S., she settled in Columbus, Ohio, where she took a position with the Jewish Community Center. This began a series of Jewish community jobs, from Columbus to Seattle and, finally, to San Francisco, where she worked for the Jewish National Fund, the Magnes Museum and the

Jewish Community Library before joining the CSI staff as clergy and program assistant. Call or email Allison to make appointments with the clergy, RSVP to events and classes, or connect with the Chesed Committee. "I love working with colleagues and congregants who care so much about each other," Allison says about her new job at CSI, "and I'm pleased to be part of the warm and welcoming environment."

May is usually the first person you talk to when you call CSI and the first person you see when you come to the office. She began her new post as CSI's office manager in February, after a career helping artists and small businesses set up "sustainable practices." She came here in search of the relative stability of a full-time job after years of working with individual clients. "I didn't want to work downtown or in a corporate position," May comments, "but I wanted something established."

A bonus for May has been the chance to work in a "beautiful, old, historic building." After growing up on Martha's Vineyard, surrounded by historic whaling



WELCOME ALLISON (left) AND MAY: Meet new staff members Allison Green and May Oskan who bring new expertise to CSI.

captains' houses, and going to school in St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in the United States, the attraction of working in a building with Sherith Israel's history and beauty was obvious.

May says her new position is filled with "interesting tasks." She is still learning how Sherith Israel operates and adds that "Nancy Sheftel-Gomes and Nia Taylor have been enormously helpful."

"We're excited by the wealth of experience that Allison and May bring to Sherith Israel," says interim executive director Nancy Sheftel-Gomes. "Please take a minute to welcome them to the CSI family." ■



PASSAGES

A hearty mazal tov to each of our families celebrating the following simchas:

UPCOMING

2017 BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

- Ryan Macomber, daughter of Michelle Levenson & Todd Macomber, May 13
Ruby Recht-Appel, daughter of Sydney Recht & Robert Appel, Aug. 26
Nora Herndon-Lazerwith, daughter of Holly Herndon & Scott Lazerwith, Sep. 9
Ian Grossman, son of Charlotte Mosher & Stu Grossman, Sep. 16
Noah Linder, son of Chris & Dan Linder, Oct. 7
Alana David, daughter of Tiffany Loewenberg & Todd David, Nov. 11
Ella Greenspan Barrett, daughter of Louise Greenspan & Ben Barrett, Dec. 16
Jacob Shapiro, son of Xander Shapiro, Dec. 23

NEW BABIES

- Gisela Cousens Aufrecht, daughter of Beth Cousens & Joel Aufrecht
Liav Kai-Wen Gil, son of Jen & Elad Gil
Bedford Johnson, son of Jami and Aaron Johnson
Zachary Zoller Stone, son of Becca Zoller Stone & Eric Stone

NEW MEMBERS

- Rina Alcalay & Osborn Erickson
Todd, Lisa, Natalie & Nicholas Greene
Rachel Lewin-Castaneda & Diego Castaneda
Leslie Rabine
Diane Ringel
Nicholas, Katy & Amitai Rous
Harold Spar
Fred Waldman & Kimberlee Sorem

CHESED COMMITTEE

Sherith Israel's Chesed Committee coordinates support for members of our congregation in times of need and joy (the birth of a child). We invite the entire congregation to participate in creating a united, caring community by fulfilling the mitzvah of doing chesed—kindness—for each other. Also, let us know when you need support.

*CSIchesed@googlegroups.com or
agreen@sherithisrael.org.*

May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

Robert (Bo) Fink husband of Anastasia Fink, father of Jennifer Berland and Ashley Vanderley.

Martin Lefkovits, husband of Dorothy and father of Diane Harris and her husband Benjamin; David Lefkovits and his wife Sandra; Nelson Lefkovits; and Stephen Lefkovits and his wife Ann.

Sarah Lewin, mother of Rachel Lewin-Castaneda (Diego Castaneda) and life partner of Stuart Lewin.



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7:30 pm: Festive Oneg

For 13 years, **Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller** has enriched Congregation Sherith Israel with her unique blend of wisdom, joy and commitment to social justice. Join us as we say thank you to Rabbi Saxe-Taller for her years of service to CSI at a Shabbat celebration featuring

- Guest speakers inspired by Rabbi Saxe-Taller's social-justice leadership
- A special oneg with light buffet dinner, schmoozing and a jam session at the end of the evening with Rabbi Saxe-Taller, Lior Ben-Hur and other CSI musicians — bring your own instrument if you'd like to join the jam
- A potluck dessert buffet to share our warmth for Rabbi Saxe-Taller with the congregation

Please join us to celebrate this special milestone in Rabbi Saxe-Taller's life.

