



High Holy Days Are Right Around The Corner!



Watch your mailbox for your High Holy Days packet. It has lots of information to guide you through the Days of Awe (*Yamim Nora'im*). Make sure to return the forms for your seating cards and other arrangements. This year Rosh Hashanah begins on Wednesday evening, September 24, and Yom Kippur starts on Friday evening, October 3.

HIGHLIGHTS

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"Spiritual Healing & Transformation" Berkeley Activist Looks at American Society *August 8 at Rabbi Robinson Memorial Lecture*

If someone went to Central Casting looking for the "perfect" rabbi activist to honor Rabbi Michael Robinson's legacy, they couldn't find a better fit than Rabbi Michael Lerner who founded his own Congregation, Beyt Tikkun in Berkeley.

He will speak at the 8th annual Rabbi Robinson Memorial Service at 6:15 PM at a Rabbi's Tisch. His speech is entitled: "A Spiritual Transformation and Healing of American Society, Politics and Economy."

Rabbi Lerner's bio reads like a compilation of all the important activism in the 20th & 21st Centuries. Consider this: 1964 Free Speech Movement, Students for a Democratic Society, worked with Martin Luther King Jr., militant but non-violent demonstrations of the Vietnam War and in support of Black Liberation, went to prison as one of the Seattle Seven. He earned a PhD in



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Philosophy from Cal, and later a PhD in Psychology. He created Tikkun Magazine in 1986, whose mission is: to heal, repair and transform the world.

Rabbi Lerner studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary, was a disciple and protégé of Abraham Joshua Heschel, and decades later received rabbinical ordination in 1995 from Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi. He founded Beyt Tikkun synagogue-without-walls in San Francisco and Berkeley and currently teaches Torah, leads Shabbat celebrations and conducts High Holy Day services in Berkeley. Rabbi Lerner is author of two national best sellers: *The Left Hand of God: Taking Back our Country from the Religious*

Right, and also Jewish Renewal: A Path to Healing and Transformation.

Don't miss this experience. Please RSVP to Denise in our office at 707-578-5519 or denise@shomreitorah.org.



The 2014 Shomrei Torah membership directory is coming!

Long overdue, the 2014 membership directory is set to be printed in October, and distributed in November.

How you can help: Buy an ad. Sell an ad. Sponsor an ad in honor of a local non-profit business. Send a family or Chavurah greeting as an "ad". As always, we are happy to design the ad for you, at no cost.

All ad artwork needs to be received by August 31, 2014.

For further information, contact the CST office.

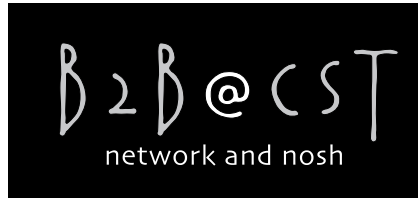
See page 6 for the ad sales sheet showing sizes and prices.

Israel Committee

*Thursday August 21
6:00 PM*

The Board of Directors has recently decided to create an Israel Committee. The primary mission for the Committee is to enhance our Congregation's connection to Israel. The Committee would assume primary responsibility for Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and would hopefully grow the celebration. Other activities could include a partnership with a congregation in Israel; cultural activities; educational opportunities; and speakers. The committee would not focus on political issues or provide a forum for debating matters of contention. Instead, it would work to increase the connection with, and understanding of, the Jewish community of Israel here in Sonoma County as well as of the Jewish community of Sonoma County in Israel. The first organizational meeting will be held at 6 pm on August 21 in the Kolbo Room at CST. At that time, those in attendance will select a regular meeting date and time, select a chairperson, and begin the work of establishing the means to implement the Committee's goals. Please join us!

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Business To Business

Connecting with others in business at CST
Tuesday August 12 7:30 AM

Come to the next B2B@CST meeting on Tuesday, August 12, at 7:30 AM for coffee and business networking with other members of Congregation Shomrei Torah. All members are welcome.

Last month we heard from Odalis Medianero of New York Life on what she does in insurance. Our mission is to build each other's businesses and create more opportunities together within the CST community. We will also be discussing how members can help support the CST directory project.

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

Rosh Chodesh

Saturday August 30 – 7:00 PM

Please join Alissa Hirshfeld-Flores and Judith Goleman at the next Rosh Chodesh group, Sat., August 30, 7–9 in Classroom Bet. We will study and prepare spiritually for the coming High Holy Days. As always, there will be sisterhood, sharing, learning, singing, noshing and fun.

All women in the community are welcome!

For more info, please contact the CST office.



Food Fest Leadership Workshop

Are you interested in a Shomrei Torah Food Fest next summer?

For each of the past two years, a relatively small hard-working group of volunteers has worked with the staff of CST to organize a hugely successful Jewish Food Fest at Congregation Shomrei Torah. Aside from this being a fun-filled event, this has resulted in boosting volunteerism at CST, meeting annual fundraising goals, and introducing the community at large (Jews and non-Jews) to Jewish culture and to our temple.

It was the decision of the volunteer leadership group to skip a possible Food Fest this summer and perhaps train other enthusiastic volunteers to organize a Food Fest for 2015. The individuals in this group are willing to mentor future leaders throughout the planning and execution stages of the Food Fest.

This is an exciting opportunity to make wonderful new friends and contribute in a meaningful way to our synagogue! If you would like to attend an upcoming leadership workshop and become part of this new leadership group, contact the CST office.





Helping Our Aging Community Live Safely

Congregation Shomrei Torah Lunch and Learn*

2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, 95404

Wednesday August 20, 2014

12:00-1:30 pm

**Feel free to bring your own lunch, as a meal will not be provided.*

Presented by:

Diana Klein, MFT
Regional Director
Jewish Family and Children's Services

Rebecca Paul, Attorney
Director of Fiduciary Services
Jewish Family and Children's Services

Who should attend?

- Adult family members of any age who serve as caregivers to older relatives
- Professionals who work with a senior population
- Volunteers who work with seniors
- Caring neighbors and friends
- Synagogue Caring committees and members who do outreach to seniors
- Any concerned community member interested in senior well-being
- Those who anticipate future caregiving roles for themselves

Topics covered will teach how to address a variety of issues:

- Mail/email/phone scams: How can you spot a scam and what do you do about it?
- Physical maltreatment or abuse: When should you worry?
- Emotional abuse: Are you noticing behavior changes? Is it depression or dementia? Is it caused by others?
- Financial abuse—recognizing the signs: Are there unexplained withdrawals from bank accounts or sudden changes to wills?
- Mandated reporting: Who is a mandated reporter? Who can report? Who do you call?
- Home safety: Can the senior navigate their home and surroundings safely?
- Substance use/abuse: How can you tell if alcohol, drugs or medications are problems?

Reserve your space today!

Contact: Denise Harrison at
denise@shomreitorah.org
or call 707-578-5519 by no later
than Thursday August 14, 2014.

Cost: There is not cost for this program, but
reservations must be made in advance.

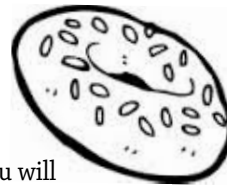
Men's Bagel Club Promises a Great New Season

Sunday September 7 – 9:00 AM

The first meeting of the new Bagel Club Season will be held on Sunday morning on September 7. The program is still being confirmed, but you will always have a fine breakfast of Lox, Bagel and cream cheese with all the side dishes you've come to expect on the first Sunday of the month at Shomrei Torah. Along with the brunch you'll have a chance to meet other Shomrei members and guests as well as visit with others you know. And there may even be some new old Jewish jokes this year.

Speakers for the coming year will include Rabbi Kramer and others from Shomrei Torah; information on local food, wine and coffee; information on technology that we use; speakers on the needs and programs available in Sonoma County; and Jewish and Israel issues. If you have a program idea you would like to propose or speak on, please contact the CST office.

Be sure to look for your email from the Men's Bagel Club before each meeting and send in your RSVP. We'll see you on September 7.



COMING SOON: Cultural 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 Fundraising Committee Chair Bruce Falstein.



Women's Retreat

October 24-26

The Women's Retreat Committee has been hard at work planning our biennial overnight retreat for 2014. It will be held 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.

This year we are trying a new location 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 double 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.

SHOMREI TORAH's WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for our 9th!!

2014

OCTOBER 24 – 26

at Mountain Home Ranch



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שומרי תורה

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 15th**. 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:*

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| 1. Triple in a Cabin | \$245 | _____ |
| 2. Double in the Lodge | \$275 | _____ |
| 3. Triple in a Cottage (with Kitchenette) | \$275 | _____ |
| 4. Single in the Lodge | \$310 | _____ |

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!



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2014 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Ad Artwork Deadline: Thursday, August 31, 2014

ADVERTISER INFORMATION

Business Name _____ Contact Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City State Zip _____
Phone # _____ EMail _____ Fax # _____
Advertiser signature (required) _____

AD SIZES & RATES *(these sizes are for submission purposes only; the actual printed size will be somewhat smaller)*

Regular Ads (black & white only) (w x h)

- ☐ Business Card—\$150 (3.5 x 2 in.)
- ☐ Quarter-Page Vertical—\$275 (3.5 x 4 in.)
- ☐ Quarter-Page Horizontal—\$275 (7.25 x 2 in.)
- ☐ Half-Page—\$550 (7.25 x 4 in.)
- ☐ Full-Page—\$1000 (7.25 x 9 in.)

Special Ads (color)

- ☐ Back of Tabs—\$1500 (7.25 x 9 in.)
- ☐ Inside Back Cover—\$2000 (7.25 x 9 in.)
- ☐ Inside Front Cover—\$2500 (7.25 x 9 in.)
- ☐ Back Cover—\$3500 (7.25 x 9 in.)

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Date _____ Ad Rep _____

Form of Payment: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Check ☐ Cash

☐ Authorize Card on File at CST (Signature) _____

Credit Card Amount: _____ Visa/MC #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Check Amount: _____ Check #: _____

SUBMITTING YOUR ARTWORK

If you have questions about the ad specs, please call **Bill Skoonberg at 707/280-3989**, or email him at bskoonberg@aol.com.

Please submit camera-ready artwork or an electronic file. All electronic files must be accompanied by a hard copy proof to ensure your ad prints as expected.

Give camera-ready art to your sales representative. Email electronic files to: marcypm@aol.com.

If you would like us to design the ad for you, contact marcypm@aol.com.

FILE FORMATS

A 300 dpi PDF file with embedded 300 dpi graphics and fonts is preferred. Low resolution files result in low quality or blurry ads and will not be accepted. If artwork is submitted in Illustrator EPS format (version 9.0 or earlier only), convert all text to outlines to avoid font compatibility problems. Photoshop TIFF files must be in grayscale or cmyk (for color ads) color space and saved at 300 dpi. Ads created in MS Publisher or MS Word will not be accepted.

Make checks payable to:
Congregation Shomrei Torah

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Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

I lost myself in a sci-fi thriller on the long flight to Israel. It wasn't a great movie but the binary plot where the good guys and the bad guys were as easy to identify as Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker was a welcome relief from the often morally grey terrain of the Israeli life I was about to enter. On my mind were the recent decision by the Presbyterian Church USA to divest from companies that it sees as participating in the "occupation" as well as the three Israeli teens who had gone missing two weeks earlier and were believed to be kidnap victims of Hamas; few thought they were still alive and that fear was borne out when their bodies were found buried in a field on the 18th day since their disappearance.

It's hard to describe the feeling that hangs in the air, heavy and suffocating as if the dry heat of Jerusalem was saturated with a humidity of hurt, thick with fear and foreboding of the violence one knows is yet to come. It didn't take long for the tragedy of the three murdered teens to beget another tragedy: the suspected revenge killing of a Palestinian boy. The day after his violent death was in the news I walked to the Old City, through the Jaffa Gate and to the Kotel to pray. The usually bustling souk was quiet with many Palestinian shops closed in protest, but the Western Wall was its usual crowded, chaotic



scene of prayer minyans and tourists from around the world.

"What am I doing here?" I wondered as I made my way to the Kotel. Once there I leaned my forehead against the ancient stone repository of over 2,500 years of longing, prayer and an ocean of tears. I began with Shacharit, the morning service which I know by heart: "My God the soul you have given me is pure... You renew creation daily, how wondrous are your works... May a new light shine on Zion"...etc. When I got to the Shema, I shifted into a more meditative mode, and opened my being to everything around and within me: the cacophony of the various minyanim, the chatter of tourists talking, the Chinese prayers of the man next to me, the heat of the late morning sun bearing down on my head, the pain of the Israeli and Palestinian families whose sons were so recently and senselessly murdered, those in need of healing in the congregation, the great gash in the heart of The Heart of Hearts, The Ground of All

Being, and for myself that I would not fall into despair, that I would not give up, that the promise of the future would remain my lodestar of life, that someday God's oneness would be realized in our reality and in our day. Time stood still and the "I" of my individual existence dissolved into a great, white light...

My reverie did not last long but it was enough to soothe my aching soul and to lift me from my despair. Where there is prayer there is hope and where there is hope there is always the possibility of a better tomorrow.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

B'shalom,
George

TEMPLE NEWS

LEGACY NEWS

Meet Legacy Circle Members Phyllis and Arnold Rosenfield



Phyllis and Arnie joined Shomrei Torah in 1999, and have been active and involved members ever since. Both were seeking a reform congregation that would fit with their own Jewish backgrounds and religious practices, and felt they had found that in CST.

The Rosenfields note they have found the Shabbat and holiday services very meaningful. In addition, they appreciate the opportunities they have had to expand their Jewish connections with other temple members, and to benefit from a rich lifelong learning program. Over the years they have been actively involved in key synagogue activities – Arnie served for many years on the Board of Directors, and has chaired the Security Committee. Phyllis served on the important building committee, and is also active with the Art Committee.

The Rosenfields joined the Legacy Circle to help ensure the continuation of a strong, viable reform congregation in Sonoma County, and as a way of saying "thank you" for all that they have enjoyed as members. Their hopes for CST is that the entire religious community will work diligently to meet future expectations for a caring, involved and vibrant synagogue that can be a model for Reform Judaism everywhere.



Environmental Action Committee

Tip of the Month

God did not create it [the earth] a wasteland, but formed it for habitation
~ Isaiah 45:18



The drought continues...every drop is precious!

What's causing it? A high pressure zone hovering over the north Pacific.

What to do to save water (from Sunset Magazine):

Outdoors in the garden:

- Embrace a brown lawn -- it will come back in the fall.
- Make friends with mulch (helps keep moisture in the soil).
- Cover the pool (prevents evaporation).
- Check irrigation system for leaks.

Indoors:

- Shorten showers.
- Test for leaks.
- Run dishwasher and clothes washer only when full.
- Install aerators with flow control on faucets.

For more water saving tips, check these websites:
saveourh2o.org, bewaterwise.com, wateroff.com

SHORTY

Congratulations to SHORTY's new board for the 2014-2015 Academic Year:

President: Jake Matalon and Zoe Giglio

Religious/Cultural VP: Elana Candiotti

Communications VP: Cassidy Childs

Programming VP: Bridget Childs

Social Action VP: Melissa Thibeau, Rachel Tsipan, and Candler Weinberg

Treasurer: Candler Weinberg

Secretary: Daniel Elizalde

11th/12th Rep: Jake Matalon

10th Rep: Daniel Elizalde and Zoe Giglio

9th Rep: Coco Weinberg and Sarah Abramson

Want to join in on the fun? SHORTY is open to all Jewish teens, 9th-12th grade. Contact Brandon Binder, our SHORTY Advisor at bbinder@urjcamps.org for more information.

Environmental Action Committee News

The EAC continues to study electricity usage and options in the wake of our very successful Electricity Forum last March 4th. With help from EAC member and recently retired PGE employee Bill Skoonberg (now an "electricity therapist"), an analysis of one of the EAC members electricity home usage for 1 year was performed comparing the present PGE billing (19% renewable), and the Sonoma Clean Power alternatives of their standard Clean Start (33% renewable energy) and Evergreen (100% local and renewable).

| Electricity Provider | 1 year total* for residence with solar panels & net metering |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| PG&E | \$357 |
| Sonoma Clean Power "Clean Start" | \$331 |
| Sonoma Clean Power "Evergreen" | \$451 |

(*represents electricity generation charges, which is ~60% of the electricity bill. Transmission charges from PG&E remain the same.)

Other items our group is looking at include:

- 1) The soon official Sonoma County plastic bag ban and 10 cents per paper bag fee in all groceries and many other retailers.
- 2) Continued study of the Sonoma Co water situation in this drought era. A tour of the Sonoma Co Water Agency facilities is planned for September 20th at 9 am. Other CST members who wish to learn about our local water system are invited to join. Contact Rick Reisman at rickcath@sonic.net
- 3) A solar seminar is being discussed that aims at educating those interested in solar installation for their home or business.

SCTribe

Are you (or someone you know) a Jewish twenty or thirty-something in Sonoma County? Come join Sonoma County Tribe as we celebrate holidays, eat delicious food, and just hang out! We meet

once a month for events ranging from Passover Seders, to Rosh Hashanah apple martini nights, to a good old Shabbat dinner schmooze. Whatever the event, we always have fun.

For upcoming events, questions, or to join our mailing list please contact us at sonomacountytribe@gmail.com.



Scenes from the Congregational Fair on May 18



Marcy Pluzbucj-Marrin, Susan Bailyn, and Stormy Knight



Bill Skooberg



Rick Reisman



Jeremy Olsan and Jay Peret

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Congregational Fair! Family-friendly activities, food, and an opportunity to learn about CST programs – a recipe for a good time.

Jewish Film Festival

Mark your calendar! Save the dates for the JCC's Jewish Film Festival coming up in October and November on Tuesdays this fall. Watch for the brochure in your mailbox at the end of August. Tickets go on sale in September.

It's not too late to be part of the story. Make this the year to become a film festival sponsor! Go to www.jccsoco.org or contact Ellen Blustein at ellenb@jccsoso.org



Tot Shabbat

Saturday August 9 – 11:00 AM

Dear Families,

I hope you are having a fabulous summer. There's a Tot Shabbat coming up to add to your summer calendar. On Saturday August 9th, our Tot Shabbat program will be a Shabbat lunch held at the Children's Museum in Santa Rosa at 11 AM. We need a list of who will be attending this event so we can provide admission and food for lunch, so please don't forget to RSVP. To RSVP call the temple office at (707) 578-5519 and speak to Denise or email her at denise@shomreitorah.org. Be sure to mention if you already have a museum pass. I look forward to seeing you there.



Blessings & Love,
Tot Shabbat Lauren

Babies & Bagels

Sunday August 10 – 10:30 AM

Babies and Bagels began two years ago with a few families coming together for bagels, play time and great conversations. Over the past two years the Babies and Bagels program has seen a lot of growth with more and more families participating each month. Lasting friendships have been made and a community of families has been built. We look forward to continuing to expand the program to include many more families.

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! June and July dates TBD. Please contact the CST office.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met on June 12, 2014 and took the following actions:

- Approved the Sanctuary Sound System Improvement proposal. This will replace the overhead speakers with customizable, high quality speakers mounted on the walls on the sides of the Bima. There will also be other associated improvements.
- Approved the establishment of an Equity Fund for Chai Hopes donations.
- Approved four new families for membership.

College Care Packages

Matzoh 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@shomreitorah.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.

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JCC Chaverim News

Register for Chaverim now!!!

Check it out! We have made it easy, quick and painless for you to re-register your teen for the upcoming school year at www.jccsoco.org. Click on the Teens drop-down menu tab, follow the brief instructions and you are set for the year.

It's YOUR support of Chaverim on behalf of your teen that guarantees a continuation of their Jewish education and experience.

Blessings, and hope you're having a happy and safe summer.

Thanks and Shalom.

Rick Concoff, JCCSOCO Chaverim Teen Director

Thank You Message

Thanks to all who sent cards, letters, love and donations in memory of Morey's sister - my sister-in-law. It made losing her just a little bit easier feeling the support of our community.

Helga and Morris Spizman

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Bat Mitzvah

Edén Luvishis

August 2, 2014 – Av 6, 5774

Please join us in celebration as our daughter Edén becomes a Bat Mitzvah on August 2, 2014. All are welcome for Kiddush luncheon following.

Dina and Lev Luvishis

Bat Mitzvah

Alana Macken

August 23, 2014 – Av 27, 5774

Please share our joy as our daughter Alana becomes a Bat Mitzvah. All are welcome for a Kiddush luncheon following the service.

**Cynthia Weissbein Macken
and Ron Macken**



Bar Mitzvah

Matteo Giglio

August 30, 2014 – Elul 4, 5774

Please join us in celebration as Matteo is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Kiddush luncheon to follow.

**Lisa Ehrlich and John DeAguiar,
Francois Giglio**



Whatever your reason to belong,
Shomrei Torah belongs to you!

When you renew, please
pledge your fair share.

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Thank you.

Donations to Shomrei Torah *Make a Difference!*

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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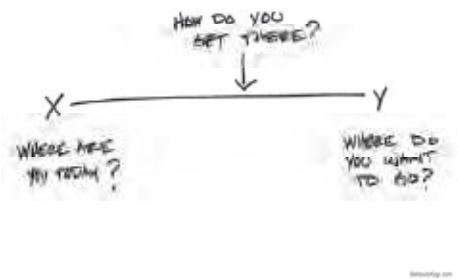
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