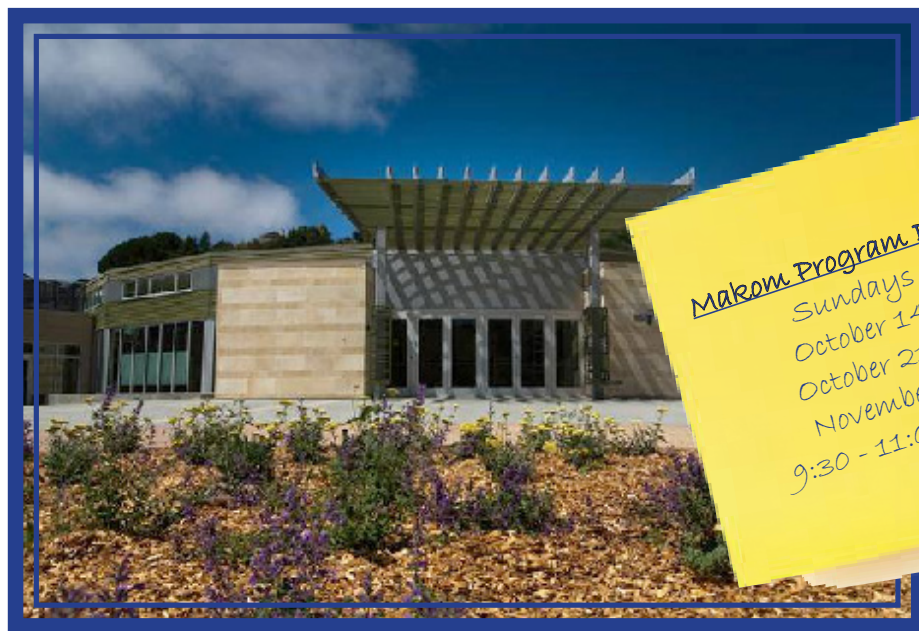


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-Means "Place"

Finding your place at Kol Shofar

If you are looking to get involved in the Kol Shofar community, look no further. This booklet contains everything you need to know about what's going on at Kol Shofar and who to contact to get involved.



CONGREGATION KOL SHOFAR

Touching the Heart and Soul through Ritual

Shabbat Mornings

Shabbat Morning Services in the Beit Knesset Sanctuary, followed by kiddush lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Shabbat Sit Meditation in the Beit Midrash Library at 11:30 a.m.

Led by congregants Larry and Diane Yermack, this Saturday morning experience explores silence and connection to spirituality through simply being present. Using a technique called mindfulness meditation, you will find yourself slowing down, calming your mind and cultivating awareness, compassion and Jewish wisdom.

Kol Neshama Minyan Services (generally the second Saturday morning of the month)

Join our rabbis, lay leaders, and special guests for a musical, meditative, and participatory prayer experience, during which we'll find quiet space to sink into the peace of Shabbat, and we'll give joyous voice to our neshamas (souls) as we open our hearts to Shabbat and to each other. The words "kol neshama" means "voice of the soul/breath."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Welcomers: The face of Kol Shofar! During events & services - greet people, give directions, provide information about future & ongoing events. Contact: Barbara McEntyre at brmcentyre@aol.com

Read Torah - Contact: Marc Cohen at mcohen5225@gmail.com

Tot Shabbat - A New Tot Shabbat service for families of small children occur periodically on Saturday mornings. Contact: Jo Ann Schreiber at Jschreiber731@gmail.com

High Holy Days-

Service with Rabbi Steinberg & Jessie Leider in the Beit Am

Musical Meditation Services with Rabbi Leider & band in the Beit Knesset Sanctuary

Read Torah - Contact: Melissa Lemberg at mjleberg@gmail.com

Organize Honors - Contact: Joan Levison at levison.joan@gmail.com

Friday Nights

Host or attend a Shabbat dinner

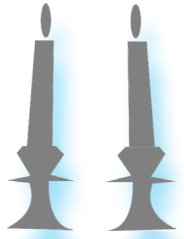
Home - hosted by neighborhood, demographics or interest

Periodic Serenity Shabbat services for the recovery community

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org

Bring Shabbat Joy to Seniors: monthly Friday night service at Drake Terrace.

Contact: Bonnie Schiff at bonnieschiff206@gmail.com



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Holiday, Festivals & Observances

Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, Simhat Torah, Purim, Passover, Shavuot, Tisha B'Av, Yom Ha Shoah

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Welcomers: The face of Kol Shofar! During events & services - greet people, give directions, provide information about future & ongoing events. Contact: Barbara McEntyre at brmcentyre@aol.com

Read Torah - Contact: Melissa Lemberg at mjlemberg@gmail.com

Morning Minyan

Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. followed by Talmud Study

Thursday at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Contact: Steve Schiff at stevenschiff@gmail.com

Center for Jewish Spirituality (CJS)

Special Events and Guests related to Jewish Spirituality (i.e.- Shabbat Sit, Monthly Kol Neshama Minyan Services, Torah Yoga, Moving Meditation, Visiting Rabbis and Scholars, Musical Guests, Spirituality of Jewish Parenting, Wise Aging, etc.) Contact: Larry Yermack at havurot@kolshofar.org

Meditation Retreats, contact: Larry Yermack at havurot@kolshofar.org

Women's Rosh Hodesh Group - Monthly celebration for women honoring the new moon Contact: Ilene Serlin at iserlin@ileneserlin.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION-

Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org

Ritual Committee meets approximately seven times per year, advisory to the Rabbis.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join the committee. Contact: Larry Yermack (Chair) at lyermack@gmail.com

Youth Learning

The Kol Shofar educational programs for youth have one goal: To instill what it means to 'be Jewish.' All our educational programs emphasize an active and inclusive learning environment, warm and inspiring teachers, and relevant Judaism – relatable and timely Jewish teaching, and partnership with parents.

Our educational philosophy promotes a joyful manner of Jewish living and a sense of being a part of something much bigger than oneself. We foster a commitment to study and prayerfulness (Torah and Tefilah), with a respect for others and the world. Moreover, we encourage leadership in taking responsibility for each other (Hevra and Gemilut Hasadim). Our education programs aim to direct our attitudes and behavior toward optimism and love of life, ultimately becoming self-aware, productive, and good human beings.

Beit Binah

Our program for students in grades K-6 is designed to instill a foundational knowledge of Torah, prayer-oriented Hebrew, and Jewish virtues that will serve as an inspiration for a further Jewish intellectual and spiritual development to last a lifetime. We are an egalitarian, inclusive program that blends traditional and contemporary learning through the lenses of relevant Torah learning, prayerful reflection, deeds of loving-kindness, and community.

Tichon

Jewish learning and connection continues for adolescents at Kol Shofar through their relationships with their peers and adults. Our teen programs aim to offer social and emotional connections, as well as meaning and purpose. Our programs are designed to encourage leadership, helping others, problem solving, and good, old-fashioned fun!

USY

USY (United Synagogue Youth), for grades 9-12, and Kadima, for grades 6-8, is a national program designed to engage youth in experiential, meaningful, and fun learning experiences within the Jewish framework of our congregation. There is a structure of leadership opportunities for our teens in USY, as they connect with other Jewish teens within our own chapter, region, nation, and even internationally. We also host a program for students in grades K-5, called Z'man Keif.

Team Tefilah

A periodic opportunity, approximately semi-monthly, for B'nai Mitzvah-aged youth to delve deeply into the meaning and mechanics that Jewish prayer inspires. It occurs on Shabbat mornings and is led by experienced teachers and lay leaders.



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Madrichim

Madrich (masc.) or Madrichah (fem.) means, "guide." Madrichim (plural form) is a program for teens to exercise Jewish leadership in the K-6th grade Beit Binah classrooms. Our Madrichim program offers 9th-12th grade teens the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, to increase self-confidence, express Jewish values, and learn practical teaching skills by assisting teachers in the classroom. Madrichim work under the supervision of the classroom teacher and Rabbi Steinberg, the Director of Life Long Learning. Madrichim must be included as members of Kol Shofar in good standing.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org

Celebrate & Support - Sanctifying Life's Moments

Rabbis often meet with people in preparation for certain life events and the community, in turn, can support you through these life-cycle moments. Our Rabbis are also available to meet with congregants just to talk and get to know each other.

Life-cycles

Brit milah/baby naming

Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Contact: Rabbi Paul Steinberg at psteinberg@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x105

Wedding

Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x100

Get (divorce)

Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x100

End of Life

Funeral, shiva, mourning, unveiling

Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x100

Cemetery: Assists families of Kol Shofar members, as well as non-members, with their purchase of cemetery plots at Kol Shalom Cemetery. Contact: Steve Sockolov at stevensock54@gmail.com

Support (within the Kol Shofar Community)

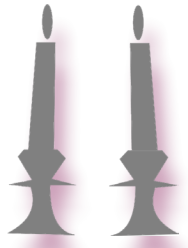
Gemilut Hesed: Caring community group that brings meals, offers rides, visits.

Hevra Kaddisha: holy society that prepares the dead for burial, takes care of mourners.

Bikkur Holim: visiting the sick - to request a visit from a rabbi or congregant

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Dawn Castelli at dcastelli@kolshofar.org



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Support (how the Kol Shofar community supports our Marin community)

Kol Shofar Garden: Community educational garden to grow food for the hungry in our community.

Contact: Rabbi Paul Steinberg at psteinberg@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x119

Bring Shabbat Joy to Seniors: Monthly Friday night service at Drake Terrace.

Contact: Bonnie Schiff at bonnieschiff206@gmail.com

Marin County School Volunteers: Tutor children at our adopted elementary school in San Rafael.

Contact: Rabbi Paul Steinberg at psteinberg@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x119

Mill Street Shelter: Once/month dinners and once/month brunches.

Contact: Randi Lachter at 415.888.2241 or rlachter@gmail.com

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Building Community

Havurot

A Havurah is a group of synagogue members who meet regularly for Jewish socializing, learning, and celebration. Each havurah takes on a personality of its own, reflecting the interests of its members, and helps to make a congregation more intimate and personal.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize! Contact: Larry Yermack at havurot@kolshofar.org

Membership Hubs

New member welcoming/on-boarding/engagement and existing member engagement
Contact: Kaia Burkett at kburkett@kolshofar.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Identified Hubs you can join or help organize Include:

- Chai Lights (Empty Nesters)
- Families with Children
- Early Childhood (0-5)
- Kindergarten to B'nei Mitzvah
- Teens (post-B'nei Mitzvah)
- Center for Jewish Spirituality
- Singles
- Seniors (Beyond Empty Nesters)
- Ritual Stakeholders
- Interfaith Families

Men's Group

Come together with other men for social events like the Super Bowl and service projects such as helping to construct the Holocaust Memorial Garden.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize! Contact: Jeffrey Samuels at jeffreysamuels@aol.com

Baking Havurah

Come together to bake for the love of baking and community, and oftentimes help bake for holidays, such as hamantaschen for Purim.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize! Contact: Barbara Schwartz at bubbebasha@comcast.net

Event Volunteering

Help pull together from promotion to logistics the many small events Kol Shofar hosts throughout the year. Help with decorations, set-up & clean-up, refreshments, food prep & serving at events.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize!

Contact: Elan Coplin at ecoplin@kolshofar.org

Bridges to Israel

Become involved with our unique programming and activities about Israel. At Kol Shofar we engage conversation and invite you to bring your own perspective, respect for all opinions and a desire to speak about Israel in a safe environment.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: David Levine at david@davidzvine.com

Office Support

Assist with the smooth running of our Congregation – help with mailings, front desk reception, etc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize! Contact: Elan Coplin at ecoplin@kolshofar.org

Social Media Outreach

Help promote events through Facebook, NextDoor, etc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize! Contact: info@kolshofar.org

Green Audit Work Group

A small group of congregants, work together to develop tools for us to use in conducting a “green audit” of Kol Shofar. Work with staff to develop recommendations where our green practices can improve.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize! Contact: Bob Daniel at bob.daniel.biz@gmail.com

Security & Emergency Preparedness

Updating security practices and developing additional protocols where needed. Developing and/or identifying trainings for staff and congregants.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join or help organize! Contact: Bruce Goldberg at bruce.e.goldberg@aol.com

Blood Drives

Help organize quarterly blood drives at Kol Shofar.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Elan Coplin at ecoplin@kolshofar.org

Softball Teams

Play coed softball in a locally organized league.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Steve Sockolov at stevensock54@gmail.com

Green Team

Join the Green Team at Kol Shofar. Contact: Louise Lipsky at louiselipse@gmail.com

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Family Engagement

Beit Binah/Tichon

Parents have several opportunities to engage with their school community. Each Sunday is a Bagel Nosh “shmooze” for families, followed by a family style service with students, parents, and teachers. Moreover, we have “kehillah” (community time) at the end of Beit Binah with stories and havdalah. Parents are also involved as volunteers by serving as class parents, organizing class Shabbat dinners, and organizing the weekly snack for students. Finally, there are a variety of family-oriented holiday programs for students with their parents, such as this year’s High Holiday program, Hanukkah, Purim, and Lag Ba-Omer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Randi Lachter at Rlachter@gmail.com

Family Engagement Committee

The Committee serves as a sounding board, advisory group, and task force for family engagement. The advisory function helps the Director to make decisions on issues ranging from programming, to budgetary values. The task force has accomplished several functions this year, including organizing the Bagel Nosh, the Purim basket initiative and distribution, and class-based Friday night Shabbat dinners.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Rabbi Paul Steinberg at psteinberg@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x105

B’nai Mitzvah Family Programs

Throughout the academic year, there are opportunities for parents to learn with their children as they prepare for the upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. These include educational programs such as how to interpret the Torah for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Spirituality of Jewish Parenting

On Sunday mornings during Beit Binah our Kol Shofar clergy frequently facilitate discussions on Jewish parenting, guided by the principles of Jewish ethics and spirituality.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Rabbi Paul Steinberg at psteinberg@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 x119

Financial Sustainability & Fundraising



Annual Gala

Our annual fund-raiser and community celebration.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Include planning committee, pre-event set-up, post-event Silent Auction help.

Planning Committee roles include: Executive Chair or Co-Chairs, Honoree Chair in tribute years, Party Chair, Decor/Decorations, Food & Beverages, Silent & Live Auction Chair, Sponsorship Chair, Seating Chair, Emcee.

Contact: Kaia Burkett at Kburkett@kolshofar.org.

Annual High Holy Day Appeal

Annual fundraising campaign that runs from High Holy Days through the secular year end.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Assist with writing notes on appeal letters and thank you cards or participate in a calling party to make follow-up calls. Contact: Mark Friedman at avjan93@gmail.com

Legacy Giving

Enables congregants to designate Kol Shofar as a beneficiary in their estate planning.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Michelle Lerman at michelle@lermanlaw.com

Capital Campaign

Our fundraising committee works with members to raise funds to service our building and office.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Join the committee! Contact: Sandy Stadtler at ssadtler@gmail.com

Strategic Planning

Be a part of the visioning our community at Kol Shofar.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES-

Contact: Kaia Burkett at Kburkett@kolshofar.org

Adult Education

Weekly Opportunities

Talmud Study 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. | Free

The group studies sections of the Talmud, with an eye towards understanding both the original intent of the Rabbis and how the teachings apply to modern life. No knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is required nor any previous experience with Talmud study. Contact Ron Brown at rdbrown18@comcast.net

Tuesdays Prayers Unfolded: The Shabbat Morning Service – with Steve Schiff

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (seasonal)

Come study the Shabbat morning prayer service — its history and overall organization, with a focus on specific prayers, as well as different attitudes and approaches to praying. The class will be participatory and accessible to new learners; no Hebrew required. Taught by Steve Schiff.

Tuesdays Prayerbook Hebrew – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (seasonal)

\$100 for community members, free for CKS members

The course is designed for those who want to learn Hebrew by studying the Siddur (prayer book) in its original authentic language. Learn to translate and form commentaries based on the root of the Hebrew words for the purpose of gaining a deep understanding and meaning from the text. Led by Tikva Farber.

Thursdays Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Leider 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. | Free | Begins July 5

Every Thursday (some exceptions for holidays) Mystics, rationalists, comedians and philosophers of all ages are invited to join this stimulating text study group. Please bring your own dairy/vegetarian lunch.

Fridays Intermediate Modern Conversational Hebrew 12:00 p.m. at Lerman Law in San Rafael

Taught by Tikva Farber, the Modern Hebrew course is intended to develop verbal communication skills in the spoken modern Hebrew language. Infused with Israeli culture, a variety of methods and modalities are used to reach the goal of speaking Hebrew as it is spoken in Modern Israel. Prerequisite: Beginning Conversational Hebrew course of equivalent understanding of reading and writing in Hebrew. Learn more & register at http://catalog.lehrhaus.org/by_category/language/

Please see our online calendar for upcoming meetings.

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Serenity Study

Monthly Jewish recovery study group at Congregation Rodef Sholom
Fourth Thursday of each month (ongoing), 7:00 - 9:00 pm, in the Sanctuary.
Watch Kolnections for our Serenity Shabbats happening throughout the year.
With questions contact: Rabbi Steinberg at psteinberg@kolshofar.org

JUDAISM 101

Kol Shofar offers an 18-week Judaism 101 course each year in partnership with the Miller Introduction to Judaism program at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles.

This 18-week course is for those who would like to learn about Judaism from the ground up, or to fill in gaps from what they learned (or didn't learn) as a child. The class also prepares those considering conversion. It covers Hebrew pronunciation, biblical and rabbinic writings, history and culture, holy days, festivals, Shabbat, Jewish concepts of God and ethics, life cycle, dietary laws and Israel. By the end of the course, students will be able to read aloud any Hebrew text with vowels. Students who wish to take a single class by topic may do so. Topical learning begins a half hour into the session. Taught by Rabbis Leider & Steinberg.

Prayer Project Offering Study

An Online course for members only on Hitbodedut: Cultivating Spontaneous Conversations with God. Taught by Rabbi David Jaffe and facilitated by Rabbi Susan Leider

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