

## *Celebrate Passover with the Sha'ar Zahav Community*



### **Join us for the CSZ “Home Made” Pesach Seder Led by Cantor Sharon Bernstein & Daniel Chesir 2<sup>nd</sup> Night of Pesach, Sunday, April 20, 2008 Doors open at 4:30 pm, Seder starts promptly at 5:00 pm**

#### *Why is this congregational seder different from all other congregational seders?*

It's not a catered meal in a hotel ballroom, and it's not an informal potluck. Instead, it's our “home made” seder – back for another fabulous year! It will be held in our beautiful sanctuary. It will be fun! It will be spiritual! As befits a “seder” (which means “order”), it will be organized! In fact, it will be a matzah-charoset extravaganza unrivaled since the parting of the Red Sea and you will personally experience redemption!!\*

\*Redemption is not 100% guaranteed. But it *will* be fun.

#### **Here's what you need to know:**

##### **Registration**

Please return your payment with the enclosed registration form to the office as soon as possible. Seating is limited and **advance registration and payment is required, and ASAP since we fill up fast.**

##### **Fees & Contributions**

There is a fee of \$20 for each person over the age of 12, to cover the cost of ritual food and other supplies. If \$20 presents a hardship, you may contribute a smaller amount; if you are able to make a larger contribution to help cover the costs of the seder, that would certainly be appreciated. *In addition to this fee*, each person over the age of 12 will bring a pre-assigned dish for a buffet-style dinner.

##### **Food**

On the registration form you will be asked to choose a category of food, and to note a specific dish if you already know what you'd like to bring. If the menu becomes unbalanced we may ask you to make a switch.

We will be serving chicken at the seder, so in observance of CSZ's kashrut policy, anything you bring must be *parve* – that is, containing **no** milk, butter, cheese or other dairy products. We will ensure that there are ample vegetarian alternatives for those who don't want chicken.

In addition, special kashrut rules for Pesach prohibit eating *chametz*. Chametz is "leaven"; any food that is made of grain and water that has been allowed to ferment and "rise". Flour, bread, breadcrumbs, croutons, cookies, cereal, pretzels, pasta and similar items may not be used. Alternatives to these, labeled “Kosher for Passover”, are readily available at supermarkets (matzah meal, potato flour, egg noodles, etc).

All fruits and vegetables, herbs and spices, and fish (excluding shellfish) are fine for Pesach. And to increase our food flexibility, we'll be going Sephardi-style: tofu, corn, rice, beans, nuts and legumes of all kinds (what are collectively known as *kitniyot* and are often not eaten by Askenazi Jews) are all OK for the menu.

Please bring a hearty quantity of food, sufficient for at least eight servings. If your party includes two or more people over twelve, you can bring either two or more times the quantity of the same dish, or you can bring two or more different dishes. "Hot boxes" will be available to keep your already-heated dish warm, but we cannot heat up anything on-site, and there will be no room for any food prep. Please bring your food "ready to eat."

### Kids and Adults

Our seder is a joyous communal celebration for CSZ members and friends of all ages, at which we tell the Pesach story to our children and to one another in order to continue building the future of the Jewish people. Children are an integral part of the seder, and we look forward to their creativity and laughter to make this a special night. At the same time, a seder is a sacred event, similar to a Shabbat service. We ask for everyone's cooperation in ensuring that all attendees are able to hear and focus on the seder leaders in order to fully participate in the seder. A play area will be set up in the chapel, adjacent to the sanctuary, so that adults can be with kids who need a break, but still be present at the seder.

### Guests

Non-members are welcome to join us. However, because space is limited, we are asking for a limit of six participants per household (members and guests), at least for the first pass, to make sure that as many people as possible can participate. Check the weekly email for updates.

### Haggadah

The CSZ Haggadah, "Let Us Begin," will be provided to all participants.

### Getting Started

Please arrive early enough to get your food placed and yourself seated, so that we can start the seder promptly at 5:00 pm. A late arrival will be very, very disruptive to the seder leaders and the other 100 participants.

### Cleaning Up

Don't run off yet! At the conclusion of the seder we're gonna clean up kibbutz-style: you will kindly clear your own table, dump the trash, and retrieve or dump the leftovers of the dish you brought.

### Final thought

This is a big event. It's gonna be fun and fabulous. It's a whole lotta work for the people organizing it. Please help us out by registering early and cooperating with all the guidelines noted above. Thanks!!

### Questions?

Contact [shaun@shaarzahav.org](mailto:shaun@shaarzahav.org) 415/861-6932

*Happy Passover!*



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\* \* \* \* *PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY* \* \* \* \*

**Please list all attendees**

Attendee Name	Check if age 12 or younger	Check if vegetarian

**Please provide contact details for yourself, or the main contact person if you're registering as a group:**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Phone #s (all)</b>	

**Please choose the type of dish you'd like to bring, and indicate the specific dish if you already know. If your party includes two or more people over twelve, you can bring either two or more times the quantity of the same eight-serving dish, or you can bring two or more different dishes. Just let us know. Please do not bring matzah, gefilte fish, hardboiled eggs or drinks; these will be provided.**

Number of Dishes	Category*	Specific Item if you already know (See guidelines for non-dairy and chametz-free on the instruction sheet)
	<b>HOT</b> Vegetarian Entree	
	<b>COLD</b> Vegetarian Entree	
	<b>HOT</b> Vegetarian Side Dish	
	<b>COLD</b> Vegetarian Side Dish	
	<b>HOT</b> Fish Dish	
	<b>COLD</b> Fish Dish (no gefilte fish!)	

\*Entrée = Something substantive and hopefully protein-rich. Like a tofu matzah lasagna – yum! Side dish = a creative salad or a smaller item or, well, you get it.

**Payment:**

<b># Attendees Over 12</b>		@ \$20 =	\$
<b>Additional Contribution</b>			\$
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>			\$

**Please return your registration form with your check as soon as possible. We cannot reserve your seat until payment is received.**

**Registration forms and payment should be sent to the office at 290 Dolores Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.**

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