

Shomrei Torah Synagogue

Torch Award Submission: TA11- 074

- Full Title of Entry (80 char max): **Current Perspectives on Stem Cell Research**
- Entry Category (You can select up to 2, although you will only win in one):
 - Men's Club Shabbat Yom HaShoah / Yellow Candle Israel / Masorti Hebrew Literacy / Ritual Literacy
 - Hearing Men's Voices Men's Health Youth Programming Programs for Young Men (21-40)
 - World Wide Wrap Shomrei Ha'aretz Club Administration Non-FJMC Program
 - Best Overall Programming* [*Best Overall Programming is not on the basis of a single program, but your club's entire year. A single program submitted in this category will be re-categorized.]
 - I'm not sure, so please select for our club's submission.
- Contact Person: **_DON CERVANTES**
- Email address for Contact Person: **_DONCERVANTES@GMAIL.COM**
- Club number & Club name: - **#1058 - SHOMREI TORAH SYNAGOGUE MEN'S CLUB**
[Is it a **Men's Club** or a Brotherhood? Please specify]
- Number of club members: **_40+**
- Synagogue name, city and state: **_SHIOMREI TORAH**
- Club President name (at time of entry): **_DON CERVANTES**
- Club President name (at time of convention): **_DON CERVANTES (TBD)**
- Person preparing entry: **_DON CERVANTES**
- Email address of person preparing: **_DONCERVANTES@GMAIL.COM**

Part II. Summary Information (2 – 3 sentences):

WE CO-HOSTED WITH SISTERHOOD A 2-PART SEMINAR ON STEM CELL RESEARCH. PART ONE WAS ON THE MEDICAL SIDE (10/7/09) AND PART TWO THE FOLLOWING MONTH WAS ON THE ETHICS. A COPY OF ONE OF THE FLYERS IS ATTACHED. WE HAD OVER 50 ATTENDEES AT BOTH SESSIONS AND LIVELY DISCUSSIONS. THIS YEAR WE CO-HOSTED A SEMINAR ON DIABETES.

Part III. By submitting this document, I certify, on behalf of the club, that this submission has not been submitted by our club for a Torch Award in a previous year.

Part IV. Entry Documentation

[Include your entry information in one document or provide one referenced document. If there is substantial documentation which you're providing so other clubs can do the program, but is NOT essential to understanding what the program was or how it was accomplished, please identify such information as 'Appendix' so that Judge does not have to review the material. If you're going to provide electronic copies of pictures, please use a graphic program to reduce the size of the individual photos, and realize that the judges don't know who the people are in the photos, so use such photos sparingly. As the submission documents are distributed to the judges electronically, please convert any written portion into an electronic file. If you need assistance in this, ask prior to submitting.]

WE TRY TO DO A JOINT PROGRAM WITH SISTERHOOD EACH YEAR. THEY ARE AS INTERESTED IN WELLNESS AS WE ARE. SO A YEAR AGO WE DID THIS PROGRAM ON STEM CELL RESEARCH AND WE RECENTLY DID ONE ON DIABETES. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO CO-HOST PROGRAMS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

DR. ZNEIMER IS A CONGREGANT. RABBI CAMRAS IS, OF COURSE, OUR SENIOR RABBI. A COPY OF THE FLYER IS ATTACHED.

**STS Sisterhood and Men's Club
Proudly present a joint, two part program:**

October 7, Wednesday 7:45 pm

Part I

**Current Perspectives on Stem Cell Research:
“What are the expectations and hopes of the scientific
community?”**

Presented by:

Dr. Susan Zneimer

Associated Medical Director, Department of Cytogenetic and Molecular Genetics for US Labs, Clinical Associate, Department of Pathology, University of California at San Francisco, Consultant, City of Hope Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente and the University of Utah Clinical Genetics Laboratory. (Susan is a member of STS and Sisterhood.)

October 21, Wednesday 7:45 pm

Part II

Jewish Ethical Issues and Stem Cell Research

Presented by:

Rabbi Richard Camras

“Pikuach nefesh...preservation of life”

Is there a conflict between the Jewish obligation of saving a life verses the destruction of an embryo?

**This program will conclude with a panel discussion that will include
Dr. Susan Zneimer.**

Everyone is welcome. No charge.

Refreshments will be provided by Sisterhood and Men's Club.

Questions:

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