

Congregation Sherith Israel

Social Action "No Shvitz" Shabbat

Friday April 8

6 pm - Shabbat Services

7 pm - Program in the Sanctuary

**Bay Area SweatFree Campaign**

The Sweatfree Campaign aims to pass Ordinances in the Bay Area with modest enforcement budgets to assure that government procurement is "**sweatfree**". Each year government spends hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars on garments, equipment, goods, materials, or food and supplies. The prudent expenditure of public dollars requires the selection of qualified and responsible contractors who do not engage in sweatshop practices, which place responsible contractors at a competitive disadvantage. The proposed Ordinance will include a SweatFree Code of Conduct setting minimum standards for the fair and just treatment of employees.

**Carmencita "Chie" Abad**

former sweatshop worker, Global Exchange speaker

**Donna Levitt**

Manager, SF Office of Labor Standards Enforcement

**Abby Levine**

Regional Director, Progressive Jewish Alliance

**Chie** speaks from personal experience about the hardships endured by millions of workers in sweatshops around the world. Chie spent six years as a garment worker on the Pacific island of Saipan, a US territory. She endured wretched conditions, frequently working 14-hour shifts to meet arbitrary production quotas for her employer. When she tried to organize a union, Chie lost her job. She was instrumental in winning a settlement from 26 major retailers in 2002 to improve conditions in Saipan. Her story is an inspiring example of how people can win if they stand up for their rights.

**Light Oneg Shabbat with the speakers to follow the Program**

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