

# ***Shir Ami News***

The Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Shir Ami  
4529 Malabar Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546  
(call (510) 537-1787 for a recording of upcoming events)

**Please visit our website at**

[www.congshirami.org](http://www.congshirami.org)

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March, 2007



<b>Mar 4</b>	School – Grades 3 & up – 9:15 AM – 12:45 PM K-2 – 10:30 AM – 12:45 PM Adult Ed – 10:30-11:30 AM All grades inc Pre-K – PURIM Carnival - 11:30 AM	<b>Apr 1</b>	School – Grades 3 & up : 9:15 AM-12:45 PM K-2 – 10:30 AM – 12:45 PM Adult Ed. – 10:30 (join model seder)
<b>Mar 9</b>	Purim Shabbat Services – 8 PM; Led by Bekah Stern and K-4	<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>Community Passover Seder</b> 5:45 PM – 9:00 PM at CV Community Center – see flier
<b>Mar 11</b>	School – Grades 3 & up – 9:15 AM – 12:45 PM Pre-K, K-2: 10:30 AM - 12:45 PM Adult Ed. – 10:30 AM-12:30 PM ; Pre B’nai Mitzvah Mtg : 1 PM 3 PM	<b>April 8</b>	No School
<b>Mar 15</b>	Board Meeting – 7 PM	<b>Apr 13</b>	Shabbat Services – 8PM Led by Joel Nickerson
<b>Mar 18</b>	School – Grades 3 & up – 9:15 AM – 11:45 PM K-2 – 10:30 AM – 12:45 PM Adult Ed. – 11:30 AM– 12:45 PM	<b>Apr 14</b>	Bat Mitzvah – Alena Liskewicz – 10 AM (service is not at Shir Ami)
<b>Mar 20</b>	Rosh Chodesh – 7 PM at Aran’s Paint and Glaze	<b>Apr 15</b>	No School
<b>Mar 23</b>	Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Joel Nickerson	<b>Apr 18</b>	Rosh Chodesh – 7:30 PM
<b>Mar 25</b>	School – Grades 3 & up- 9:15 AM – 12:45 PM Pre K, K-2 – 10:30 AM–12:45 PM Adult Ed – 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>Apr 19</b>	Board Meeting – 7 PM
		<b>Apr 22</b>	School – Same as March 25 Adult Ed – 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
		<b>Apr 27</b>	Shabbat Services - 8 PM Led by Bekah Stern
		<b>Apr 28</b>	Bar Mitzvah – Matthew Beckman – 10 AM
		<b>Apr 29</b>	School – Same as March 18 Adult Ed – 10:30 AM-12:45PM

## President's Message

*Ruth Hartman*

Dear Congregation Shir Ami Members and Friends,

I do love being involved in a small congregation. We have a wonderful sense of intimacy and warmth. We have the satisfaction of seeing the work of our minds and hands take shape in our own community.

Of course, there are also challenges to being small. Finances are always an issue, but—good news!—money is not my topic this month. Two other big challenges we face are membership growth, and marshalling enough willing hands to organize and coordinate the many programs we want to offer.

Much as we enjoy being small, the ongoing vitality and viability of our community requires us to keep reaching out in order to grow. We want to connect with unaffiliated Jews in our community, many of whom don't know that Shir Ami exists, or haven't yet made the decision that being part of a Jewish community is important to them.

This spring, we will host a number of events that are perfect for introducing new people to Shir Ami. I hope you will seek out and invite friends and neighbors and help them connect with our community:

- **Shir Ami Purim Carnival**, Sunday, March 4, 11:30-12:45. Games, prizes, a jump house, hamantaschen, fun for all ages.
- **Community-Wide Passover Seder**, Saturday, April 7, 5:45 -9:00, at the Castro Valley Community Center. We are taking our annual seder out into the community for the first time in many years in order to share the celebration of this wonderful holiday with our friends and neighbors. We hope to have a great turnout to enjoy the dynamic leadership of former Shir Ami member and Educator, Ricki Baird, now a cantor in San Luis Obispo. All ages are welcome. See the flier in this Bulletin or the Evite coming soon via email. *Please pay what you can; no Shir Ami member will be turned away for inability to pay the rates listed on the flier. And if you are able to pay more, please consider a donation to underwrite some of the expenses of this seder.*
- **Shabbat Across America**, Friday, May 4, 6:30 pm. A catered Shabbat dinner with special outreach Shabbat service led by Joel Nickerson.
- **Shavuot and Confirmation Service**, Friday, May 18, 8 pm, led by Diana Zankowsky and the Confirmation Class. Share in our pride as we celebrate the giving of the Torah and hear from our teens about what Judaism means in their lives. At least one of our recent new members was inspired to join Shir Ami by this service last year, so don't miss it this year!

We need help planning and doing all these events. We all need to share in this *mitzvah* of building and sustaining our community. Please pick at least one of these dates and volunteer to help with planning, publicity, setup, or cleanup. Speak to any Board member; I assure you that no offer of help will be turned down! See you at Shir Ami this spring,

Ruth Hartman  
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## Rabbi's Corner

Joel Nickerson

Spring is quickly approaching, and even if we don't see the evidence in our natural surroundings, we can hear it in the sound of the groggers and smell of hamentaschen. The special and exciting holiday of Purim falls on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar and begins our spring lineup of holidays, which include Passover and Shavuot. It is a holiday whose joy overwhelms our senses and whose message tells of our struggle and success in a history full of oppression and deception. We dress up in silly costumes, eat food in the shape of Haman's hat, make a lot of noise, and read a story in our canon which includes jokes and ridiculous characters (by the way, I think King Ahashuerus is the most ridiculous).

However, there is one important piece that is missing from *Megillat Esther* (the 'scroll of Esther') from which we read on Purim. Nowhere in the entire story is God mentioned. God is seemingly absent from this story of persecution and eventual freedom. How contrary to the Exodus narrative in which God is given center stage! While some commentators say that God is found in the root of Esther's name ('to hide'), this concept of a hidden God adds an element of modernity to the Purim story. So much of our canon puts God at the center, with the characters of our narrative speaking directly with God, in conversation with God. Yet in the Purim story, we find a connection with God that is similar to our current state – God is not easily accessible or willing to intervene on our behalf (at least not directly). God is hidden and we struggle to connect to God. And, we live in a world focused on some of the very same things found in the story of Purim – parties, politics, beauty, and acceptance.

Therefore, I urge you this month to explore your understanding and definition of God. Rachel Adler, my teacher, gave me the following questions to explore on my own and I hope they are as helpful to you in defining your understanding of God as they have been for me. Spend some time thinking about your own answers and maybe even create a dialogue with your family and friends. It is my hope that we continually try to bring God out of hiding and into our day-to-day living.

Chag Sameach,  
Joel Nickerson

### **Questions about God**

1. What do you believe about the immanence (existing in all aspects of our world) and/or transcendence (above and outside our world) of God?
2. Is God a source of revelation? In what way?
3. Is God a personality or a process?
4. What do you believe about divine power? Is it limited or total?
5. Does God communicate with human beings? If so, how?
6. Are individuals significant to God?
7. What is the connection between God and the Jewish community?
8. Does it matter to God how human beings behave? Does God hold people accountable?
9. Does God intervene in history?
10. Is God attentive to prayer?
11. Is God capable of change? If so, how can God be considered perfect?
12. What does it mean to be *b'tzelem elohim* (made in the image of God)?



**Purim Carnival for All March 4 - 11:30**

**Hebrew and Religious School Every Sunday in March**

**Preschool Classes March 11 and 25**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> - Religious School Passover Celebration**

The religious school at Congregation Shir Ami serves as a remarkable example of lay leadership and volunteer support. This past weekend I was out of town attending the annual Shir Ami women's retreat (an inspirational weekend every time), and as a result had to call on a several people to help with Sunday morning tasks. Thanks to Barb Haber for staying to tidy and lock up the building, and thanks to Marilyn Schneider for teaching the confirmation class about the art of Marc Chagall. Thanks to Joaquin Ridgell and Lexi Skelly for working with the third and fourth graders so Jan Dombrower could attend the retreat. Thanks to Lee Carmack for emailing an Oneg question to Ruth's list while she was at the retreat as well. Thanks to Irene Gilchriese and Hana Hartman for covering the fifth and sixth grade class while Leah Hartman was home with a fever of 103 degrees. The thing I realize as I type this list of thanks is that I could go on for three more pages. Our teaching staff all lead extremely busy lives, and still arrive at Shir Ami week after week to teach, motivate and encourage our children. Thanks to Shir Ami families (and Ruth Rosenthal) fabulous Onegs arrive every week to keep the children sustained through the morning. Thanks to the dedication of Diana Zankowsky adult education continues to thrive. The bottom line is that everyone helps. I just think it is so cool!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you this month at our "cool" little synagogue for more great Hebrew and Religious School. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

Most Sincerely,

Jodi Switzer Blum

## Adult Education

*Diana Zankowsky*

Adult education has been split into two groups for the remainder of 5767. The parents of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah students will be joining their children for the last hour of class on Sundays when school is in session but the rabbis are not in town. In March, the class will meet twice: on March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>. March 4<sup>th</sup> is the Purim Carnival. The parents will meet with the class at 10:30 am for one hour and then help, as necessary, with the Purim Carnival. We will meet as usual on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am until 12:45 pm. In April, we are also scheduled to meet twice: April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. April 1<sup>st</sup> will be the day when the model seders are held and we will discuss doing our own seders, starting at 10:30. On April 22, we will meet as usual from 11:30 to 12:45 pm.

Adult education (not part of the B'Nai Mitzvah class) will continue as we have been, with a little bit of Torah, a little bit of Hebrew and a bit of general study. In March, we will meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:30 at Congregation Shir Ami. In April, we will meet on the 29<sup>th</sup>.



With the B'Nai Mitzvah class at 10:30 am, March 4<sup>th</sup> followed by the Purim Carnival and March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 pm, then April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 for model seders and April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30.

Just for Adults:  
March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 29<sup>th</sup>  
From 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

# Sisterhood/Rosh Chodesh Group

*Jan Dombrower*



February was a big month for Sisterhood. First, we went to the Magnus Museum to see the THROUGH THE EYE OF THE NEEDLE fabric art exhibit. We were awe struck by the beautiful fabric art by Esther Nisenthal Krinitz who chronicled her life through her pieces from childhood in her Polish village of Mniszek through the Holocaust and then in America. We had a great tour guide who was a well informed docent and everyone was really glad they had a chance to see the exhibit.

Our 11th annual retreat was a huge success! With the theme of Discovering Jewish Rituals and Blessings, each activity touched on new rituals or special blessings throughout the weekend. After gathering in Bed Lomand in a lovely redwood setting, we had Shabbat dinner, services led by Diana Zankowsky, and an evening activity of creating blessing boxes led by Jan Dombrower. Throughout the weekend, blessings were placed in our boxes from one selected person.

Saturday morning services were led by Ruth Hartman. Harriet Skelly, Lisa McCann, and Diana Zankowsky read from Torah. Maryann Leshin prepared and presented the D'var Torah. The service was followed by a listening and sharing circle exploring blessings we have and blessings we need. Rose Firestone led us in an outstanding craft project of decorating a Chupah that will become the Sisterhood's and creating Kippot with a choice of styles. Sharon Golemba led us in an innovative Havdallah ritual. She shared new ways to incorporate Havdallah into our lives and introduced a new song.

After dinner Rose Levine presented the Gold Nugget Girls in a reader's theater production of *Letters from the Gold Rush*. All the actresses did an excellent job playing their parts. Sara Lamnin then facilitated improvisational skits. There was a lot of laughing into the night. Sunday morning after a breakfast of lox and bagels, there was a lively book discussion. We all had read the book, *Joy Comes In the Morning*, and Diana Zankowsky headed up the discussion. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who participated. Special thanks go to Ruth Hartman for her leadership role. Please join us next year for another great time.

## **March Rosh Chodesh:**

Please join us for the next Rosh Chodesh on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00. This month we will meet at Aran's Colour and Glaze studio to paint pottery for Passover or other art objects that you might be interested in. Please bring your daughter and share in the mother daughter fun of painting. A pottery piece may run from \$10- \$35.00. We will bring in the new month of Nissan, have refreshments, and chat away with fellow sisters.

<http://www.aranceramic.com/>

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Castro Valley 94546 510 728-1333.

# The Tzedakah Box

## A Social Action Column

*Sara Lamnin*

*Daryl Berman*

The social action committee is pleased to announce that Shir Ami has joined the South Hayward Parish. Daryl Berman has been working with the SHP for the last year and will represent Shir Ami on the board.

Established over forty years ago, the South Hayward Parish (SHP), is a coalition of faith communities in and around Hayward dedicated to meeting the needs and empowering the people of the Hayward area. Its member churches include Good Shepherd Lutheran, Mt. Eden Presbyterian, St. Clement Catholic, Starr King Unitarian Universalist, South Hayward United Methodist, Westminster Hills Presbyterian, and the United Church of Hayward (United Church of Christ). SHP's mission is to engage people of faith in the endeavor and partnership of building and maintaining a just and nurturing community. Its mission dictates that SHP will provide a compassionate presence for under served populations and work with them to effect social justice and positive change.

SHP has many volunteer opportunities such as working in food distribution programs, a monthly day laborer breakfast and Vigils of Caring on the last Friday of the month to memorialize people who have perished locally by acts of violence. SHP also sponsors the annual MLK walk mentioned below. Stay tuned for more interfaith community building activities!

For the photo (see attached)...

From left to right, Sara Lamnin, Diana Zankowsky, Marilyn Schneider, and Daryl Berman helped to carry the Shir Ami Banner at the annual MLK walk in downtown Hayward. Danielle Keil along with Sarah, Gabriella and James also helped represent our congregation.

### SHIR AMI CELEBRATES MLK'S IDEALS

Seven Congregation members represented Shir Ami at the Annual downtown Hayward Martin Luther King march on Monday, January 15th, 2007. Approximately half a dozen different congregations participated in the interfaith event along with local secular community groups. Youth choirs sang, participants read quotes from MLK's speeches and held up signs advocating peace and understanding before and after the march. This march, a peaceful walk of solidarity around Hayward's downtown is one of the few celebrations of its type in the Bay Area.

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church and the South Hayward Parish (of which our own Daryl Berman is now Vice President of the Board) organize the march each year to honor the ideals of Martin Luther King, celebrate the progress made, and strengthen the community for the work that still needs to be done.



## SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



### **22<sup>nd</sup> Jewish Music Festival March 8-25, 2007**

The Jewish Community Center of the East Bay (JCCEB) presents the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jewish Music Festival with concerts throughout the Bay Area. For tickets call: 800-838-3006. For more information check their website: [www.jewishmusicfestival.org](http://www.jewishmusicfestival.org)

### **Women's Seder March 25, 2007**

All the East Bay women are invited to the Daughters of Miriam Seder. Join us as mothers, daughters and friends. Celebrate together as we tell the story with blessings, rituals, singing, and dancing! Our own Rabbinic Intern, Bekah Stern will be song leader. Seder led by: Cheryl Cohen, Sharon Cohen and women of the community.

Sunday, March 25, 2007 4:00 P.M.

Temple Beth Torah

42000 Paseo Padre Pkwy • Fremont

We can have a reserved table for 8 if we get our reservations in quickly.

Please let Jan Dombrower know if you are interested. The cost is: \$30 for adults. Seniors and students \$25. Youth 10- 13 \$21.

Please make checks payable to: Congregation Beth Emek and mail it to Jan Dombrower at 4892 Saginaw Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Kosher buffet dinner catered by Oakland Kosher. This event is supported by a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation.

See flyer in this bulletin.



## SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



### Used Cell Phones Wanted

Barbara Heimowitz is still collecting used/old cell phones that you leave at Shir Ami and to send them in for cash. You can bring in your cell phones to Shir Ami anytime – just leave them in the box in the kitchen. Any questions? Please call Barbara.

### Used Ink Cartridges Wanted

Bruce Skelly is collecting used ink cartridges to trade in for reams of copy paper and other supplies for Shir Ami. Please bring in your used ink cartridges and place them in the box in the kitchen (by the cell phone box). Any questions? Please call Bruce.

### Leon Meier, M.D.

December 12, 1924 - February 21, 2007

A long-time member, supporter and founder of Congregation Shir Ami, Dr. Leon Meier, died on February 21<sup>st</sup> of heart failure. He was born in Tacoma, Washington and was buried in Seattle, in the same cemetery as his father. Dr. Meier, a bronze-star recipient in the Korean War and a practicing physician for 50 years, was also a member of Temple Sinai in Oakland. Over the years he retained his Shir Ami membership. We recall, with love, his frequent visits, accompanied by his wife, Annette, especially during the High Holydays. Dr. Meier was one of the signatories for the purchase of our building on Malabar Avenue and he rejoiced with all of us when the mortgage was fully repaid. Our heartfelt condolences go to Annette and to his children, Arthur, Joshua, Adam and Amy. Leon will be missed as a congregant and as a dear friend.

# The Community Page

## March 2007

### Yarzheits

#### *March 9, 2007*

Esther Carter, mother of Bruce Carter

Esther Cooper, aunt of Ann Blank

Clara Finlay, mother of Todd Finlay

Dalton Gautreaux, father of Sidney Simpson, uncle of Toni Schulberg, and brother-in-law of Georgie Brooke

Fannie Heimowitz, mother of Stan Heimowitz

Joslyn Miner, member of Shir Ami and wife of Syd Miner, past president of Shir Ami

Matthew Zankowsky, father of Fred Zankowsky

#### *March 23, 2007*

Blanche Fink, very active early member, and mother of Barbara Nemoyton

James Finlay, father of Todd Finlay

Matt Ganz, long-time member and former president of Shir Ami, and husband of Judy Ganz

Sam Ganz, former member and father-in-law of Judy Ganz

Stella Small, mother of Georgie Brooke and grandmother of Toni Schulberg and Sidney Simpson

Edna Vanous, wife of Moshe Vanous

Ruth Zelezny, grandmother of Julie Greenfield

### Kaddish List

Martin Michelson, brother-in-law of David Schulberg

Blanche Rose Berman, mother of Daryl Berman

David Teferi, father of Rahel Ruiz

Morris Berman, father of Daryl Berman

Harriet Cohn, grandmother of Ruth Hartman

***May their memory be a blessing...***

**Ever wonder how the names read aloud for yartzheit and kaddish at Friday night services get on that list?** If you're a Shir Ami member, and want a personal reminder for the yartzheit of a loved one, just send Toni Schulberg the following information: the name of the deceased; the relationship of that person to the Shir Ami member; the full date (month, day, year) that person died; and whether you want to use the Hebrew or English calendar for their yartzheit (Toni will look up the Hebrew date for you). Toni is updating the list in January, so now is the time to give her your names.

Questions? Call or email Toni (278-1695); [toniaps@comcast.net](mailto:toniaps@comcast.net).

## Todah Rabah

Thanks to the following for their generous contributions to Shir Ami:

- Bruce Carter in memory of Rolf Weinberger and in memory of Byrle Belden

**A contribution to Shir Ami is a great way to honor, remember, or show appreciation for someone special. It's easy, and all amounts are gratefully accepted. Just send a check and a note to Florrie Finkle, 18730 West Cavendish, Castro Valley, 94552. Florrie will send a card to the person you are honoring, and your dedication will appear on this page.**

Much appreciation is extended to Tom Manley for removing the rather old and unsafe play equipment from the back yard. ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE A PLAY STRUCTURE THAT IS IN GOOD CONDITION FOR OUR CHILDREN TO PLAY ON---- PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER!

Todah Rabah to Ken Seideman for his generous contribution of time and his expertise in assisting Barb Haber as she conducted an audit of Shir Ami's finances.

Thank you to our Oneg Shabbat hosts:

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Markus Family
- February 9<sup>th</sup>: Skelly Family
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Zac Cohen

Thanks also go to those who hosted our Rabbinic Interns:

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: Carmack/Rosenthal Family
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Keil Family
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Zac Cohen

## MAZEL TOV

*Mazel tov* to Rachel Markus and her family on the occasion of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. The congregation is very proud of her accomplishments!

## Comings and Goings

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER:

- To Art Liskewicz on his new job with The Medical Store.
- To Lily Erickson on her new job at San Francisco General Hospital.
- To Daryl Berman on being selected Vice President of the South Hayward Parish.

#### TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR:

- Inna and Arkady Massen embarked on very distant travels with a trip to Australia.
- Yuri Zaslavsky spent two weeks in Israel with the Volunteers for Israel program, helping out in a medical facility and also touring the country.
- Marilyn Schneider and daughter Carolyn Gilchrise took a trip to New York to visit Marilyn's mother.
- Leah Hartman traveled to Philadelphia to attend the NFTY convention.
- Ruth Hartman and Diana Zankowsky attended the URJ Biennial in nearby Santa Clara, but had a very worldly experience while there!

#### LITERARY NEWS.....

Shoshana Bennett (wife of former Shir Ami President Henry Bennett and sister of teacher Karen Gelender) recently published a book entitled "Postpartum Depression for Dummies." Shoshana is a nationally known authority on PPD and has been a featured guest on national radio and television shows, including NBC's 20/20. The book is now available at numerous book stores.

***Please send items for the Community Page to Maryann Leshin at [leshin236@comcast.net](mailto:leshin236@comcast.net) or 510-635-2898. Deadline is the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month.***

### Message from our new eScrip Coordinator: Lisa Silver:

***A friendly reminder to the Shir Ami community! Did you know that when you sign up for eScrip, you are helping Shir Ami in a big way. Local merchants will contribute up to 8% of your total purchases to our congregation. For example, to date we have 25 Shir Ami families having registered their Safeway cards on eScrip. If you shop at Safeway every week, those purchases will make a difference at your temple. Signing up online is quick and easy ....***

- 1. Got to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)***
- 2. Click on "sign-up"***
- 3. Follow the instructions - you can search for our organization under "Group Name" and simply type in "Congregation Shir Ami" - make sure you pick the Castro Valley location.***

***If you need help, feel free to contact me ([lisa@silverfamily.com](mailto:lisa@silverfamily.com)). With over 60 families in our congregation, we can definitely help our temple in this small way. I just registered my Safeway card and it only took me a couple of minutes to complete the process. Thanks for your support!***

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# Don't Miss The Shir Ami Purim Carnival

March 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:45

( Hebrew and first half of Religious School meets as usual)

Preschool Families please join us

Games



Jumpy

Cotton Candy



Spin Art



Hamentaschen Baking

# K-4th Grade



Service and Purim Party  
Friday, March 9th at 8:00 PM

Led by

**Bekah Stern**

**Come in costume!**





**SEDER KITS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES**  
**WORKING TOGETHER FOR PROJECT H.O.P.E**  
(Helping Our People Everywhere)

We are inviting you to participate with B'nai B'rith's efforts in providing **Solo Seder Kits** and other Passover supplies to our Jewish service men and women stationed in Iraq and around the world – enabling them to celebrate Passover.

B'nai B'rith has joined with the Jewish Chaplains Council of the Jewish Welfare Board to distribute hundreds of Solo Seder Kits to personnel on military bases and other areas of troop deployment. The Jewish Chaplains Council provides ongoing services to Jewish U.S. military personnel around the world. We are coordinating our efforts through our field office in Philadelphia.

**Help us provide for our Jewish troops this Passover.**

Your friends at the B'nai B'rith will:

- ✓ maintain contact with the Jewish Chaplains Council
- ✓ sustain accurate records of donations
- ✓ see that our **Project H.O.P.E.** funds for Solo Seder Kits are sent in a timely manner so that troops receive their Passover supplies in time for the holiday

**Solo Seder Kits** for Passover are \$25.00. Each contains essentials for Passover Seder meals and ritual supplies for individuals. The kit consists of: Two cans of chicken soup with matzo balls, one bottle of grape juice, two cans of gefilte fish or tuna fish, one package of matzo, one Hagaddah, one Passover leaflet, one suede yarmulke, and, added this year, a phone card to call home for the holiday.

Act now to spread the word and publicize this to friends, family, and colleagues in your community. Our brothers and sisters serving our country will benefit and **Project H.O.P.E.** will benefit, as well.



Yes, I would like to provide Solo Seder Kits for our Jewish brothers and sisters to celebrate Passover while serving our country.

# Solo Seder Kits @ \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE/UNIT of B'nai B'rith (if applicable) or SYNAGOGUE/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **B'nai B'rith** and mail to:  
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For additional information call, toll free: 888-274-8418  
or email our Western Area Field Office: [lloy@bnaibrith.org](mailto:lloy@bnaibrith.org)

# ***Vayikra (Offering)***

The parasha deals with the differing requirements, nature and reasoning for burnt sacrificial offerings.



Shir Ami Services Friday, March 3rd at 8:00 PM

will be led by

**Joel Nickerson**

***BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU TO SERVICES***

Congregation Shir Ami  
**Community-Wide Passover Seder**

will be led by Ricki Baird  
on Saturday, April 7, 2007, 5:45 - 9:00 PM  
at the Castro Valley Community Center

information: (510) 537-2066 or [passover@congshirami.org](mailto:passover@congshirami.org)



*The Community, including unaffiliated and interfaith families, are invited to join the Congregation in a great festival retelling the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery and their redemption. The Evening Service will feature Passover songs and music by the very talented Ricki Baird and a festive, kosher-style Holiday meal.*



**Seating is limited ~ please provide the information below:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ adult Shir Ami members @ **\$23** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ adult non-Shir Ami members @ **\$26** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ children 12 and under @ **\$10** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional donation to help defray costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Your Reservation is made by check, payable to Congregation Shir Ami, and mailed with the information above no later than March 28th to:**

**Congregation Shir Ami  
Community Passover Seder  
4529 Malabar Ave  
Castro Valley, CA 94546**

With Timbrel in your hand follow all the East Bay women to the

# Daughters of Miriam Seder

Join us as mothers, daughters and friends  
connect with the women of the Exodus  
and the heroines of today as  
we rejoice in our freedom.

Celebrate together as we tell the story with blessings,  
rituals, singing, and dancing!

Sunday, March 25, 2007 4:00 P.M.

Temple Beth Torah  
42000 Paseo Padre Pkwy • Fremont

**Hosted by the women of  
Temple Beth Torah & Congregation Beth Emek**



**Raise Your Voice in Song**

with Guest Vocalist, Rabbinic Intern from Shir Ami,

**Bekah Stern**

Seder led by:

Cheryl Cohen, Sharon Cohen and our community.

**Catering By Oakland Kosher:** Kosher buffet dinner  
open seating

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Adults <b>\$30</b>	Seniors <b>\$25</b>	Students ages 13-18 <b>\$25</b>
Youth ages 10-13 <b>\$21</b>	Supporters <b>\$54</b>	(A bissel more to make it extra special)

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**RESPONSE CARD ON BACK**

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