

# ***Shir Ami News***

The Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Shir Ami  
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**Please visit our website at**

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

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July, 2007



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| <b>July 13</b> | Shabbat Services – 8 PM<br>Led by Rabbi David Levinsky | <b>Aug 23</b> | Board Meeting – 6 PM                             |
| <b>July 27</b> | Shabbat Services – 8PM<br>Led by Diana Zankowsky       | <b>Aug 24</b> | Shabbat Services – 8PM<br>Led by Diana Zankowsky |
| <b>Aug 10</b>  | Shabbat Services – 8PM<br>Led by Ricki Baird           | <b>Aug 25</b> | Religious Committee Meeting<br>10 AM             |
|                |  | <b>Sep 3</b>  | Labor Day Raffle and BBQ                         |

## SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



### **Home Away From Home: Visit a Reform Congregation Abroad**

If you will be traveling abroad in the coming months and would like to know where you can celebrate Shabbat or a Jewish holiday, visit the World Union for Progressive Judaism's New Congregations Worldwide webpage before you leave home.

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

Here you will find listings and contact information for many countries throughout Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia, Latin America and, of course, Israel.

### **Interested in Learning Hebrew?**

Some of our members have expressed an interest in learning to read Hebrew. If you would like to participate in a beginning adult Hebrew class, call or e-mail Judy Ganz, 581-6268, Jbganz@AOL.com and we will meet to discuss the possibilities.

### **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.

# The Community Page

## July, 2007

### Yarzheits:

July 13, 2007

Naomi Greeblatt, sister of Hillie Levine  
Ana Marie Haber, mother of Barbara Haber (Beckman)  
Joseph Haber, father of Barbara Haber (Beckman)  
Sondra Permison, sister of Joel Permison  
Hans Schwarzenberger, father of Barbara Heimowitz

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Stanley Blackfield, founder and three-time president of Shir Ami  
Leo Knopf, father of Lori Knopf Santora  
Betty Schulberg, mother of David Schulberg  
Frances Wolch, former member of Shir Ami who made the Ark door tiles

### Kaddish List: (to be read at both services in July)

Hyman Abraham Rebotsky, grandfather of Jonathan Zimmerman  
Gordon Greenfield, father of Julie Greenfield  
Keith Carter, brother of Bruce Carter  
Leon Meier, long-time member and founder of Shir Ami  
Syd Kramer, uncle of Jan Dombrower  
Martin Michelson, brother-in-law of David Schulberg  
Blanche Rose Berman, mother of Daryl Berman

### May their memory be a blessing...

Ever wonder how the names read out loud for *yarzheit* and *kaddish* at Friday night services get on that list? If you are a member of Shir Ami, and want a personal reminder for the *yarzheit* of a loved one, just send Toni Schulberg the following information: the name of the deceased; the relationship of that person to the member of Shir Ami; the full date (month, day, year) that person died; and whether you want to use the Hebrew or English calendar for their *yarzheit* (Toni will look up the Hebrew date for you). Questions? Call Toni at 278-1695 or e-mail her at [toniaps@comcast.net](mailto:toniaps@comcast.net)

## Todah Rabah/Thanks to the following for their generous contributions to Shir Ami:

- Susan and Bruce Carter, in memory of Robert Levinson, Clint Carter, Keith Carter, and Leon Meier.
- Toni and David Schulberg, in honor of Kate Spizer's wedding.

A contribution to Shir Ami is a great way to honor, remember, or show appreciation for someone special. It's easy, send a check and note to:

Florrie Finkle  
18730 West Cavendish  
Castro Valley, CA 94552

Florrie will send a card to the person you are honoring and your dedication will appear on this page.

Todah Rabah to our Oneg hosts: for June 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Ruth Hartman  
For June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Diana Zankowsky

## What's Nu?

- ❖ Fred Zankowsky traveled to Montana during the first part of May to be with his mother, Doris and her sister, Grace, during Grace's illness and hospitalization.
- ❖ Diana Zankowsky's brother, Peter Jacobson, dropped in for a brief visit in May that coincided with the Confirmation/Shavuot services that Diana led. The Zankowskys enjoyed Peter's visit.
- ❖ Fred and Diana Zankowsky celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, with a hike in Sunol Regional Park and dinner out.
- ❖ Lori and Bill Santora celebrated their 8<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, thinking back on what a beautiful ceremony they had at Shir Ami, and how much fun they had on their honeymoon in Monterey. This year, as in past years, they went to Monterey Bay Aquarium.

- ❖ Toni and David Schulberg will be traveling to the East Coast for 3 weeks at the end of July to visit friends, family and David will be attending a Tai Chi conference, as well.

## Mazel Tov/Congratulations!

Two Shir Ami congregants were in the graduating inaugural class of the Melton School: **Judy Ganz** and **Diana Zankowsky**. The ceremony took place on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> in Palo Alto at Kehillah Jewish High School.

“These students have demonstrated their commitment to Jewish learning as a way of life by gathering together to study and engage in discussion of Jewish texts each week for two years.”  
Sharon Lennox, Director of Adult Learning and Melton Adult School.

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Shir Ami/Beth Emek Pesach “Exodus”

Led by Rabbi Richard Winer & Student Rabbi Rebekah Stern

April 17 to 28, 2008

(rev June 17 07)

| <b>Date</b>                            | <b>Program</b>  | <b>Meals/Overnight</b>  |
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| Thursday April 17                      | Departure from SFO on Air Canada 758 at 7:00am. Transfer in Toronto to AC84.  |   |
| Friday April 18                        | Arrival at Ben Gurion airport 11:25am. Opening program on “Routes to Roots” before setting off for Mitzpeh Ramon in the Negev.<br>Check-in and prepare for Shabbat. Kabbalat Shabbat as a group overlooking the beautiful Ramon Crater followed by festive Shabbat dinner.                | <u>Picnic Lunch en route</u><br><br><u>Shabbat dinner</u><br><br>Overnight: Har Hanegev Field School, Mitzpeh Ramon         |
| Shabbat April 19<br><i>Erev Pesach</i> | Sunrise Shabbat morning services on the edge of the Ramon Crater followed by breakfast. Late lunch and study session on Parshat Hashavua and the Exodus from Egypt.<br>Re-enact the Exodus by hiking to your Pesach Seder in a Bedouin tent.  | <u>Lunch at Field School</u><br><br><u>Seder in Bedouin Tent</u><br><br>Overnight: Har Hanegev Field School, Mitzpeh Ramon  |
| Sunday April 20<br><i>Pesach</i>       | Late wakeup followed by Pesach tefilot.<br>Learn more about this geological wonder at the Mitzpeh Ramon visitor’s center.<br>Enjoy lunch and swimming at the nearby Pundak Ramon.<br>Late afternoon walk to the Alpaca Ranch.<br>Evening: Nocturnal jeep ride in the heart of the Crater. | <u>Lunch at Pundak Ramon</u><br><br><u>Dinner at field school</u><br><br>Overnight: Har Hanegev Field School, Mitzpeh Ramon |
| Monday April 21                        | Exodus from the Negev. Travel north to Tel Aviv. En route, volunteer with Project Leket, picking left over fruits and   | Lunch-on own en route<br><br>Dinner-on own in Tel Aviv  |



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|                    | <p>vegetables to be donated to local soup kitchens.</p> <p>See where David ben Gurion declared the establishment of the State of Israel at Independence Hall.</p> <p>Explore the alleyways of Old Jaffa.</p>   | <p>Overnight: Prima, Tel Aviv</p>   |
| Tuesday April 22   | <p>Depart for the Galil. Visit the Talmudic city of Zippori, where Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi compiled the Mishnah and site of some of the most beautiful mosaics in the Middle East.</p> <p>Ascend the Golan Heights. Magical hike to the Jilaboun waterfall at Nahal Devorah. Check-in and dinner at hotel.</p>                                    | <p><u>Picnic Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Overnight: Golan Hotel, Tiberias</p>                  |
| Wednesday April 23 | <p>Enjoy a refreshing nature hike to the Tel Dan Nature Reserve. Text study on the “Golden Calf” at the ancient Israelite remains.</p> <p>Bring care packages to IDF soldiers serving on the Lebanese Border.</p> <p>Strategic briefing by Colonel (Res.) Kobi Merom.</p> <p>Enjoy dinner across from the Sa’ar Waterfall with live music.</p> | <p><u>Picnic Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Dinner at Sherule</u></p> <p>Overnight: Golan Hotel, Tiberias</p>                |
| Thursday April 24  | <p>Explore the mystical city of Zefat’s ancient synagogues and artist colony. Art &amp; Kabbalah program with local artist and shopping time.</p> <p>Continue to Jerusalem. Outlook over Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. Torah study: Did Abraham pass the Test?</p> <p>Evening: Israel &amp; the Media with analyst, Neil Lazarus</p>      | <p>Lunch-on own</p> <p>Dinner-on own in Jerusalem</p> <p>Overnight: Prima Royale, Jerusalem</p>                   |
| Friday April 25    | <p>We learn and remember at Yad Vashem including the historical museum and Children’s Memorial. Program on Israeli heroes at Mt. Herzl.</p> <p>Explore the Machaneh Yehuda market (shuk) as the city prepares for Shabbat.</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat at Kol Hanesama followed by festive</p>   | <p>Lunch-on own at Yad Vashem</p> <p><u>Shabbat dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Overnight: Prima Royale, Jerusalem</p> |

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|                  | Shabbat dinner at the hotel.  |  |
| Shabbat April 26 | Shabbat morning services at HUC followed by meeting with Anat Hoffman or Uri Regev. Shabbat lunch at Bet Shmuel followed by free time to visit Jerusalem's museums.<br>Home Hospitality dinner to celebrate Chag with local families. | <u>Shabbat lunch at Bet Shmuel</u><br><br><u>Home Hospitality Dinner</u><br><br>Overnight: Prima Royale, Jerusalem |
| Sunday April 27  | Chag tefilot at Har El.<br>Walking tour to the Christian Quarter and Church of the Holy Sepulchre followed by lunch at the hotel.<br>Summary and conclusion session followed by Havdalah and farewell dinner.                         | <u>Lunch at hotel</u><br><br><u>Farewell Dinner</u><br><br>Overnight: Prima Royale, Jerusalem                      |
| Monday April 28  | Check-out and transfer to airport for departing flight on AC 85 at 11:55am. Transfer in Toronto to AC 759. Arrival SFO at 11:10pm.  |  |

Program will be staffed by senior tour educator and security escort.

All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.

## **Shir Ami/Beth Emek**

*Pesach "Exodus" Experience, April 17-28, 2008*

### **Full Air & Land Package Price Per Person**

*Based on Double Occupancy Hotel Accommodations*

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| Minimum 25 Paying Participants (Plus 2 frees*) | \$3569 |
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*\*Frees are in double occupancy accommodations*

- **Standard Tips & Gratuities** are an additional \$110 per person (*billed and paid separately*)<sup>1</sup>
- **Single Occupancy hotel accommodations:** Add an additional \$300 per person
  - **Land Only:** Deduct \$1575

### **Deposits and Payment Schedule:**

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| January 4, 2008  | Deposit of \$250 per participant (applied to total payment) |
| February 4, 2008 | 50% Payment due   |
| March 3, 2008    | Payment due in full   |

<sup>1</sup> Including standard tips for: guide, bus driver, guard, waitstaff and bellstaff

### **Refund Schedule:**

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| Cancellation after January 4, 2008  | Refund of deposit less \$100 per person |
| Cancellation after February 4, 2008 | Full refund less \$500 per person       |
| Cancellation after March 3, 2008    | Full refund less \$2500 per person      |
| Cancellation after April 3, 2008    | No Refund                               |

**Cancellation of flight reservations on or after January 13, 2008, will result in a \$250 "flight cancellation cost" due to penalties assessed by the air carrier.**

*Rates quoted reflect cash discount for payment by check or swift transfer.*

**Payment by Visa/Mastercard is an additional 3%**

*Keshet strives to offer fair pricing and therefore does not budget for contingencies resulting from weather or security issues. Itineraries may be altered as a result of these factors. Also, the prices listed reflect rates quoted by hotels and vendors as of June 17, 2007. In the event of continuing devaluation of the US dollar exchange rates, hotels and vendors may add surcharges; Keshet reserves the right to pass such increases on to trip participants*

Your trip coordinator is Keshet's Programming Director Kayla Ship

Please feel free to contact her with any questions: [kayla@keshetisrael.co.il](mailto:kayla@keshetisrael.co.il)

### **Flight Information**

*Please note that prices include airport and airfare taxes as of June 17, 2007.*

*Should these fees increase, Keshet reserves the right to pass these costs on to the participants.*

**April 17 Depart SFO on Air Canada 758 at 7:00am. Arrival in Toronto at 2:50pm. Transfer to AC 84 departing at 5:25pm. Arrival Tel Aviv at 11:25am (next day).**

**April 28 Depart TLV on AC 85 at 11:55am. Arrival in Toronto at 6:15pm. Transfer to AC759 departing at 8:45pm. Arrival SFP at 11:10pm.**

### **Hotel Accommodations**

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| Har Hanegev Field School, Mitzpeh Ramon | April 18-21 |
| Prima Hotel, Tel Aviv                   | April 21-22 |
| Golan Hotel, Tiberias                   | April 22-24 |
| Prima Royale, Jerusalem                 | April 24-28 |

### **Package Price Includes:**

- Round trip airfare from SFO on Air Canada
- Current airport taxes
- "Meet & Greet" service at Ben Gurion International Airport for group flight
- Group transfers from and to Ben Gurion International Airport for group flight
- All group transportation in Israel on private chartered bus as per the itinerary
- All hotel accommodations - *double occupancy*- as per the itinerary
- All site admissions and programs as per the itinerary
- Full Israeli breakfast every morning plus **15** additional included meals (including Seder)
- Keshet Senior Israel Tour Educator

- Security Escort
- Customized Sourcebook
- Keshet Hat & T-shirt
- Keshet Luggage Tags
- Keshet Map of Israel
- Keshet Insulated Water Carrier
- Standard Gratuities for Tour Guide, Bus Driver, Security Escort, Waitstaff and Hotel Bellstaff

**Not Included in Package Price**

- Any additional airport taxes or fuel surcharges
- Meals on your own
- Personal charges at hotels
- Laundry service
- Medical & Travel insurance

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**Registration Form**

**Shir Ami/Beth Emek**

***Pesach Israel Trip***

***April 17-28, 2008***

**Please send the completed form and signed disclaimer with a \$250 deposit per person by **January 4, 2008**, payable to: Educational Encounters International, Inc. (EEI), 180 Prospect Ave. Mamaroneck, NY 10543**

**Include a *photocopy* of the first page of your passport.  
Your passport must be valid through **October 28, 2008****

*Please note below any special health or dietary considerations of which we should be aware, including physical limitations, allergies etc. All provided meals are kosher.*

| Name(s) as appears on passport | Passport # | Date of Birth | Circle Hotel Room Occupancy | Dietary & Health Issues Special Needs |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                |            |               | Single Double<br>Triple     |                                       |
|                                |            |               | Single Double<br>Triple     |                                       |
|                                |            |               | Single Double<br>Triple     |                                       |
|                                |            |               | Single Double<br>Triple     |                                       |

**Check one of the following:  Full Air & Land Package  Land Only**

If you are choosing the full land and air package and wish to deviate from the scheduled flights, contact your Keshet Group Coordinator Kayla Ship [kayla@keshetisrael.co.il](mailto:kayla@keshetisrael.co.il) with your flight requests. (Flight deviation fees may apply)

**Participant Contact Information:**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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No refunds will be given for unused package inclusions.

Itineraries may be altered as a result of security concerns determined by either Keshet or the contracting group. In either case costs associated by such changes are to be the responsibility of the group. Winter programs may also be altered due to weather concerns, at the discretion of the group leader. Extra costs associated with such changes are to be the responsibility of the group.

Pricing is based on a stated minimum number of participants. Should the group number fall below the minimum, Keshet reserves the right to alter the program and/or recalculate the pricing in consultation with your Group Leader.

Keshet/EEII urges trip participants to purchase travel insurance.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understood the above.

**Signature of Participant**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Pareshot Matot/Masei***

After the 40 years of wandering and wars, members of two of the tribes (*matot*) elect to remain in the conquered territories and this was permitted, subject to certain requirements. In the following stage (*masei*), the borders of the Promised Land are delineated and apportioned amongst the tribes with laws to guarantee the future preservation of the Land.



Shir Ami Services  
Friday, July 13th at 8:00 PM  
will be led by

**David Levinsky**

## ***Paresha Vaetchanan - I Beseched***

*Shabbat Vaetchanan* is celebrated joyously; it recounts the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.



Michelangelo's Moses

### Shir Ami Services

Friday, July 27th, at 8:00 PM

will be led by

**Diana Zankowsky**

**Bring a friend!**