

# ***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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August, 2007



<b>Aug 9</b>	Israel Trip Information Mtg – 6:45 PM at Shir Ami	<b>Sep 12</b>	Erev Rosh Hashanah – 8 PM
<b>Aug 10</b>	Shabbat Services – 8PM Led by Ricki Baird	<b>Sep 13</b>	Rosh Hashanah – 10 AM
<b>Aug 24</b>	Shabbat Services – 8PM Led by Diana Zankowsky	<b>Sep 16</b>	School
<b>Aug 25</b>	Religious Committee Mtg – 10AM	<b>Sep 20</b>	Board Meeting – 7 PM
<b>Aug 26</b>	Shir Ami Cleanup – 10AM	<b>Sep 21</b>	Kol Nidre – 8PM
<b>Sep 3</b>	Labor Day BBQ – 4 PM	<b>Sep 22</b>	Yom Kippur – 10AM
<b>Sep 8-9</b>	Fall Festival	<b>Sep 23</b>	No School
<b>Sep 9</b>	School – First Day	<b>Sep 28</b>	Sukkot Pot Luck – 6:30 PM Shabbat Services – 8 PM
		<b>Sep 30</b>	School - Sukkot

## President's Message

*Ruth Hartman*

Dear Congregation Shir Ami Members and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer. I hope that in some way, however small, you are having a break from routine. Visiting with family or friends. Getting away for a weekend or a week. Spending time with your children while they're home from school or college, or sending them off to camp and having some time without them! Attending an outdoor concert, a play, or a ball game. Camping or fishing or biking or stargazing. Reading a good book. Gardening. Painting. I took a brief trip to Colorado in June and had almost a week at home by myself in July, which was very refreshing. Summertime, with its break from routine, gives me the chance to get a fresh perspective on what I really want, what I really care about, what gives my life meaning.

As our growing kaddish list shows, quite a few members of our community have recently lost loved ones. Shir Ami holds shiva minyans at these times; this brief service is an opportunity to share in comforting the bereaved and honoring the memory of the deceased. A number of our members have also been seriously ill or had surgeries. We wish each of them full healing. Illness and loss focus our thoughts on what matters and what doesn't. Among those things that do matter are loving friends and family and a supportive community like Shir Ami.

As summer draws to a close, our tradition offers us this marvelous annual ritual of reflection and rededication: the High Holiday season. The month of Elul, which begins August 15 this year, is traditionally a time to engage in t'shuvah, a process of spiritual preparation that culminates in the High Holidays. For the past couple of years, Diana Zankowsky has led an email-based "t'shuvah support group." Each weekday of Elul, Diana sends out a brief passage for us to reflect upon. Those who wish to share their thoughts can send an email to the rest of the group. Some interesting discussions and sharing can result. If you'd like to participate this year, send Diana a quick email at [dzankowsky@aol.com](mailto:dzankowsky@aol.com) and she will invite you to join the Yahoo Group.

Our Religious Committee Chair David Schulberg, returning HUC intern Rebekah Stern, new HUC intern Carla Fenves, and new High Holiday cantorial soloist Rachel Brott have already been meeting to prepare Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services that will be both beautiful and meaningful. This will be a great year to invite Jewish friends, whether they are former Shir Ami members or prospective new members, to our High Holiday services. See the ticket form in this month's bulletin for your guests.

But before we get to Rosh Hashanah, we must first celebrate Labor Day! Our annual Labor Day Barbeque is a great way to start the year with fun for all. It is also our major fundraiser of the year, with lots of raffle items and new, improved auction offerings this year. Please mark your calendars for September 3 and see the flier in this month's bulletin.

I wish you a delightful month of August and look forward to seeing you soon. B'shalom,

Ruth Hartman  
510-582-3379, [president@congshirami.org](mailto:president@congshirami.org)

## Member Feedback

At our annual membership meeting on May 19, we did a brief feedback exercise in which we divided up into pairs and discussed the following questions:

1. *Thinking back on the past year at Shir Ami, what was an event or interaction that worked well for you, in which you felt connected, engaged, or inspired?*
2. *Looking ahead to the coming year, what is an area where you'd like to be more engaged at Shir Ami? What could help make that happen?*

Here's a summary of your written responses (*with some notes from Ruth*).

### What worked well

- Community Passover seder (6 mentions)
- Women's Rosh Hodesh retreat and monthly events (4 mentions)
- Bekah Stern's services (2 mentions)
- Participation in services, including High Holidays
- Potluck dinner under the Sukkah
- Atmosphere: supportive of children, inclusive, family-oriented, not hierarchical
- Learning by helping others to learn: adult ed, retreat, school
- Support from Shir Ami community in times of illness and death (shiva minyan)
- Friendship and support among b'nai mitzvah families (2 mentions)
- Support of rabbinic interns and lay leaders in b'nai mitzvah training
- My children love the school (2 mentions)
- Enjoy seeing the kids at their b'nai mitzvah services
- Religious School children's seder
- Midrasha and teen programs
- Older kids so involved with younger kids (2 mentions)
- Jodi Blum taking over as educator
- This membership meeting (2 mentions)
- Ruth! Great vision. "Without a vision, the people will perish." *Proverbs*

### What would help me engage next year

- Several people said they intend to continue with their volunteer activities on behalf of Shir Ami (*Thank you!*)
- Participate in adult ed—prefer Saturday meetings (*Our rabbinic interns will be teaching adult ed on Saturdays this year; details to follow. In addition, Diana is starting an evening adult ed book discussion; see notice in this bulletin*)
- Interested in adult b'nai mitzvah, conversion Hebrew (several mentions) (*In addition to Saturday adult ed led by our rabbinic interns, Shir Ami member Judy Ganz is starting an beginning Hebrew class for adults; contact Judy if you are interested*)
- Have regular Rosh Hodesh schedule (*This will be in next month's bulletin*)
- Family services with earlier start times (2 mentions) (*We are planning several early services for the coming year; details to follow*)
- More young people reading Torah at services (*Our teens will be reading Torah on Yom Kippur*)
- More Saturday services and events
- More congregational involvement with building and yard upkeep (*Jeff would love some help. Any volunteers?*)
- "I question our support of Israel without criticism. Could we open a discussion about this?" (*Yes! Please contact Ruth Hartman.*)



Greetings Shir Ami Sunday School families:

Well, summer is once again sailing by. At our house, we are getting into soccer practice schedules and, and - oh my gosh - come to think of it, Sophia even has a book to read, and document the reading thereof. David Schulberg has begun the annual process of setting the Shir Ami schedule which involves coordinating with the rabbinic interns, Castro Valley, Hayward, and San Leandro school calendars, and yearly holidays and events. This means it also has been time to work on the Religious School Calendar which coordinates with the overall synagogue calendar. As soon as all is finalized, I'll get the information to you. Harriet has kindly included in this bulletin the Religious School Student Information form, and Emergency Contact form. If at all possible, I would appreciate receiving these forms prior to the start of school. This is just to help me get as much of a jump on things as I can. The first day of Sunday School is presently set as September 9, 2007. You could mail completed forms directly to me or bring them to the Labor Day BBQ. I'll also print a batch and bring them to the BBQ for those who don't have printer capability. I looked these forms over again today, and I think it would be best if I could get one of each form for each child in a family. However, in families with multiple children I don't need redundant information on each form. By way of example, for my family I'll need six forms. A Student Information sheet, and Emergency Contact form each for Sophia, Spencer, and Adam. For one of the Student Information sheets and one Emergency Contact form, say Sophia's, I'll answer every question. For Spencer and Adam I'll skip those questions where the answer is the same as for Sophia, i.e. we all have the same address, and only answer the questions specific to each child, i.e. Adam is allergic to peanut butter, but not the other two. Hopefully, this will save a little time.

I am scheduling a synagogue cleanup day for 10 to noon on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow, but the general plan is to polish up the rooms before the Labor Day BBQ, High Holy Days, and start of school. Please save the date if you can.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon to begin what is sure to be an enriching year for us at Shir Ami.

Sincerely,

Jodi Switzer Blum  
education@congshirami.org

## **Adult Education** *Diana Zankowsky*

In 5768, the adult education class, facilitated by Diana Zankowsky, will meet one weekday night each month, starting in October. We will be studying from one book, Yearnings by Irwin Kula (Rabbi), published in 2006. The book treats seven major of spirituality, including Truth, Meaning, Create, and we will look at one of these sections each month. This book is available in hardcover, paperback and audio. If you are interested in joining the class, please indicate your availability to Diana, [dzankowsky@aol.com](mailto:dzankowsky@aol.com).



## **Fall Festival Information**

Hi everyone,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. I wanted to let everyone know the dates of the Castro Valley Fall Festival this year. It will be held on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Festival is a great opportunity for our Congregation to get exposure to the community and to attract new members.

We will need volunteers to set up, work and take down the booth. Teenagers are encouraged to help! Please try to find a couple of hour on the weekend to help. Each day runs from 9:30-6:30. You can contact me if you have a specific time you would like or I will contact you as the date gets closer. Thank your in advance for your help.

Angie Ross  
510-633-0581

# **The Tzedakah Box**

## **A Social Action Column**

*Sara Lamnin*

*Daryl Berman*

### **Back to School with Tools 4 School**

Listen closely. One can almost hear the collective groan of school children throughout Alameda County as talk of the new academic year begins. Underneath the splashing in sprinklers and warm evening walks runs a current of anxiety for many families. The cost of preparing a child for school is soaring. The school supply list – including the ubiquitous backpacks – gets longer and more expensive every year. Many families struggle to meet these essential educational needs. Schools and teachers face the same challenge.

The Alameda County Tools 4 School Collaborative strives to ease this anxiety and to provide students with the basic supplies they need to actively participate in learning. Tools 4 School ties together community based non-profits, schools, and businesses, consolidating the number of repetitive and competitive requests potential donors receive. Through this collaboration, limited time and fiscal resources can reach further, thus expanding the scope of service we can all provide to our community. According to a 2002 study by the California Food Policy Advocates, 13.8% of Alameda County Children live in poverty. 35% qualify for free or reduced lunch programs.

By participating in this effort, businesses can reach potential consumers, reduce clutter, and, of course, help the families in our city. Every backpack we send out to the community contains a sponsor sheet with the names of all donors and partners. In past years, some businesses have sponsored a particular item (rulers, for example) with their business name and number. We can also use items with errors. For example, one promotional company donates items with misspellings or outdated information. We can even use old letterhead for school and tutoring programs. Getting rid of useful, but unusable business supplies can help free up valuable storage space.

What can YOU do to help?

The cost to outfit one child for a school year is \$25. All proceeds raised through this collaborative effort go directly to Alameda County students and are tax deductible, through our fiscal agent, Lincoln Child Center. For more information, please contact Sara Lamnin, Program Coordinator, (510) 867-0957 or [saralamnin@lincolncc.org](mailto:saralamnin@lincolncc.org). Checks can be made out to Lincoln Child Center. Please write "Tools for School" in the memo line and send them to Sara Lamnin at 22245 Main Street, Suite 102, Hayward, CA 94541. [www.lincolncc.org/tools4school](http://www.lincolncc.org/tools4school).

## 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.

## **Labor Day BBQ and Raffle**

The following businesses have generously made donations to our Labor Day BBQ. Please consider supporting them.

Chabot Theater  
Castro Village Bowl  
Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi, Too  
Elephant Bar Restaurant  
Punchline  
Sweet Tomatoes  
Cal Shakespeare Theater  
La Mediterranee Restaurant  
Wax Museum-SF  
Ripley's Believe it Or Not  
Blackhawk Museum  
Asian Art Museum-SF  
See's Candies  
Chabot Space & Science Center  
Boxed Greeting Cards by Harriet Skelly



# The Community Page

## August, 2007

### Yarzheits:

August 10, 2007

Scott Kendall, former student of Shir Ami  
Anna Kurz, mother of Frances Johnson  
Barnett Levine, father of Hillel Levine  
Fred Rosener, long time member of Shir Ami

August 24, 2007

Shaiva Bernstein, mother of Judy Ganz  
Blanche Rose Berman, mother of Daryl Berman  
Ben Blank, father of Sam Blank  
Betty Meininger, mother of Ingrid Weinberg  
Betty Schulberg, mother of David Schulberg  
Joan Wolff, mother of Gary Wolff

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

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 yartzheit 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 yartzheit 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 yartzheit (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)

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 July 13<sup>th</sup>, Toni and David Schulberg

For July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Ross family

### What's Nu?

- ❖ Rachel and Shashana Markus attended Camp Tawonga.
- ❖ Sophia, Spencer and Adam Blum attended Camp Newman, where Leah Hartman was a counselor-in-training.
- ❖ Michelle Ross was a counselor at Camp Kadima. Daniel Ross attended the Camp Kadima La'atid program.
- ❖ Lisa Carmack spent four weeks in Israel with the Jewish Federation's **Let's Go Israel!** trip.
- ❖ Diana and Fred Zankowsky took a two-week road trip to the Canadian Rockies and visited Fred's mother in Wyoming.
- ❖ Stacy Zankowsky spent five weeks in a Spanish-language Immersion program in Quito, Ecuador.
- ❖ Barb Haber took Matt and Kaitlin to visit historic sites in and around Boston. Matt and Kaitlin will also be attending Camp Newman in August.

## Shir Ami Contacts

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Sara Lamnin  
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Yahrzeit Listings:

Tonia Schulberg  
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Donations:

General Funds, Special Funds,  
Wall Plaques  
Florrie Finkle  
538-9660



# eScrip Families

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## *Pareshat Re'eh - Behold!*

The blessings of upholding the tradition are described as are the fates of rejecting the teachings of Torah.



New Synagogue in London, 1850, from  
"The Jewish World" (Kedourie, Harrison House, New York 1979)

## Shir Ami Services

Friday, August 10th at 8:00 PM

led, with music, by

**Ricki Baird**

## Pareshat Ki Tetze (*As You Go Forth*)



*Thou shalt not pervert the justice due to the stranger, or to the fatherless; nor take the widow's raiment to pledge. But thou shalt remember thou wast a bondsman in Egypt..*

Shir Ami Services  
Friday, August 24 at 8:00 PM  
Led by  
Diana Zankowsky

Remember Shir Ami's bread basket

*September 3, 2007*

Shir Ami's traditional Labor Day Picnic!  
Meet fellow members and new members



*Great BBQ food (including vegetarian),  
games for the kids, raffles, silent auction*

*Charges*

*Adult members \$10.00, children 12 and under \$5.00  
Potential members ~ no charge*

*Members*

*A to L please bring a salad or side dish  
M to Z please bring a dessert*

School use only:  Emergency Contact Form attached

## Shir Ami Religious School Student Information

Use a separate form for each child; photocopy this form as needed. Note that, in addition to this form, an Emergency Contact Form is required for each student.

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent 1 or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent 2 or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with  Both parents  Parent 1 only  Parent 2 only

Part-time each (joint custody)  Legal guardian. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

On School Roster, please list:  Both parents  Parent 1  Parent 2  Guardian

Check here *if attaching separate sheet* with additional family information.

Student's birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (as of Sept. 2006) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime school name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Jewish religious school: #of years \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew/Religious School(s) attended \_\_\_\_\_

If 13+ years:  has had Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony  will work toward Confirmation

Siblings' names/ages \_\_\_\_\_

Below please give any useful information about child's style of learning.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Special needs or comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for Shir Ami Religious School to take and use photographs of my child/ren for publicity on Shir Ami's website or in future literature regarding Shir Ami.

**I would like to discuss special concerns.** Please call

Parent 1  Parent 2  either parent  Guardian



**Please complete both sides!**

For office use:  complete

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew class: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Shir Ami Religious School Emergency Contact Form

**Important:** Students may not attend Religious School until this form is completed and returned.

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ofc. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ After hours phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Health Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy/Plan # \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred hospital/city: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parent or Guardian#1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Additional Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian#2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Additional Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### ALLERGIES (check all that apply)

My child has no known allergies.

My child has an allergy to the following food(s): \_\_\_\_\_

A food listed above causes anaphylaxis : yes ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) no

Describe reaction if food is eaten, and what is done to manage it: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is allergic to the following substance(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

A substance listed above causes anaphylaxis : yes ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) no

My child is allergic to the following medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My child has the following chronic health condition(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My child is on the following medication\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Shir Ami staff will NOT administer medication, except in an emergency situation, with permission of parents.

Please provide supportive health information about the condition, your concerns, and what we can/should do. You may also include anything else you would like us to know about your child's health and well-being. (Use/attach separate sheet, if needed.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete other side!**

While your child is in our care, an accident, emergency, or illness may occur that requires immediate medical attention without sufficient time to contact parents/guardians. The California Legislature has authorized consent in advance by parents or legal guardians for such treatment (Family Code Section 6910).

**Emergency Contact Person #1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Best phone # to call \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this person authorized to pick up your child?  yes  no

**Emergency Contact Person #2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Best phone # to call \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this person authorized to pick up your child?  yes  no

Who else is authorized to pick up your child?  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization to Consent to Treatment of a Minor**

I hereby authorize the Congregation Shir Ami/Religious School representative to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, or surgical diagnosis or treatment or hospital care that is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act or to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, or surgical diagnosis or treatment or hospital care that is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the supervision of any dentist licensed under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or dentist, hospital, or otherwise.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of said agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment and hospital care that such physician or dentist in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable.

This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of Family Code Section 6550-6552 of California and shall remain effective until revoked. It is understood that every effort will be made by Congregation Shir Ami /Religious School to contact me before exercising this authorization.  
 I hereby authorize Congregation Shir Ami /Religious School to engage for my child

\_\_\_\_\_ at my expense any necessary emergency medical or dental care, until I can be informed and make further arrangements. I hereby incorporate by reference the "Authorization to Consent to Treatment of a Minor" as set forth above. This authorization will expire on June 30, 2007.

PRINT Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Congregation Shir Ami

4529 Malabar Avenue Castro Valley, CA 94546

August 1, 2007

Dear Friends:

You are undoubtedly aware of our upcoming High Holiday Services in September. This year, we will once again have 2 student rabbis from Hebrew Union College: Bekah Stern will be returning with her wonderful voice and our new student rabbi will be Carla Fenves. In addition, we are very pleased to welcome our new Cantorial Soloist, Rachel Brott. We are looking forward to beautiful High Holiday services. We know that you will enjoy our program with even more surprises from our younger members.

After many years of keeping our High Holiday ticket prices the same, the board has decided to increase them slightly. If you have any guests, this year, we will have tickets for \$300 per family and \$150 for singles available by contacting me. This donation can again represent partial membership at Congregation Shir Ami. Full-time college students and members of the armed forces on active duty are always welcome as our guests at no charge.

Our current budget does not allow for these services, so once again we ask you for a Memorial Contribution. Please return the stub below to my address as soon as possible, for *tickets* (non-members only) and *memorials*. The names of the departed will be read at the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service. We do **not** depend on last year's list.

Thank you for your help. I would like to extend my best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,  
*David Schulberg*  
Religious Committee Chair  
(510) 276-6100

Attachment

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To: David Schulberg  
16174 Via Arroyo  
San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2506

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my Memorial Contribution for \$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print Clearly)



## Sail Into San Diego

Join 5,000 Reform Jews  
in sunny San Diego for the  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Biennial Convention!

**Mark the date: December 12-16, 2007.  
REGISTRATION IS EXPECTED TO  
BEGIN ON AUGUST 1, 2007.**



The official Biennial program begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12 and concludes at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 16.

The URJ is offering an Early Bird registration fee of \$540.00. The Early Bird deadline is October 19, 2007. Subsidies, based upon need, are available to members of small congregations.

Your registration fee includes the following:

- Admission to all general sessions
- Admission to all workshops
- Daily and Shabbat worship
- The Exhibit Hall
- All concerts and late night entertainment
- Friday night regional Shabbat dinner with others from your region
- Shabbat morning Torah study breakfast
- Shabbat Study Luncheon

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