

Shir Ami News

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

www.congshirami.org

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September, 2007



Sept 2	Learn to blow shofar – 10 AM For details see The Bulletin Board on page 9	Sep 30	School – Preschool through Confirmation
Sept 3	Labor Day BBQ – 4 PM	Oct 3	Adult Ed – 7 PM Led by Diana Zankowsky
Sept 9	School – Preschool through Confirmation (see Sunday School column for start times)	Oct 5	Simchat Torah Service – 7 PM Led by Carla Fenves
Sept 12	Erev Rosh Hashanah – 8 PM	Oct 7	School – Preschool through Confirmation
Sept 13	Rosh Hashanah – 10 AM	Oct 11	Rosh Chodesh – 7:30 PM
Sept 16	School – Kindergarten through Confirmation	Oct 14	No School
Sept 20	Board Meeting – 7PM	Oct 18	Board Meeting – 7 PM
Sept 21	Kol Nidre – 8 PM	Oct 19	Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Bekah Stern
Sept 22	Yom Kippur – see flyer for start times for all services	Oct 21	School – Preschool through Confirmation
Sept 23	No School	Oct 28	School – Kindergarten through Confirmation
Sept 28	Sukkot Pot Luck – 6:30 PM Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Bekah Stern		

President's Message

Ruth Hartman

Dear Congregation Shir Ami Members and Friends,

I hope to see many of you at the annual Labor Day Barbeque on Monday, September 3 at 4 pm. This event is a lot of fun for all, and a great chance to introduce friends and neighbors to Shir Ami. In addition, it is our major fundraiser of the year, and important to meeting our budget. We have new and improved auction items this year, as well as fun raffle items.

This month I want to highlight our **adult education** offerings for the coming year. We Jews are a people committed to lifelong study and learning. We have an incredibly rich heritage of history, literature, prophecy, ethics, languages, arts, mysticism, and much more. And we are blessed with rabbis and lay leaders who have dedicated themselves to study and to teaching the rest of us.

But our lives are so full already! How can we find the time for Jewish study? Will it be fun and help renew our spirits? Or will it become just “one more thing” to add to our too-busy lives? And what if we’re not Jewish, or don’t know much about Judaism? Will the class be too advanced? Will we feel welcome?

This year, Congregation Shir Ami is offering a choice of three different classes for adult learners of all backgrounds. None of the three requires prior knowledge. I’m confident that all three classes will be enjoyable, informative, and enriching. I hope you’ll find one that suits your needs:

1. A Taste of Judaism—Plus: Our student rabbis, Bekah Stern and Carla Fenves, will be offering a yearlong adult ed class, starting with the Union for Reform Judaism’s introductory course, *A Taste of Judaism*. The classes are designed for all who are interested in learning more about Judaism. An informal atmosphere encourages free and lively discussions of Judaism's approach to living in our rapidly changing world. We will learn more about the Jewish perspective on spirituality, ethics and community and how these perspectives might impact our personal and professional lives. We welcome Shir Ami members, both Jewish and non-Jewish, as well as unaffiliated Jews, non-Jewish seekers, interfaith couples, children of interfaith couples, and grandparents of Jews. The class will meet twice a month on Saturday afternoons.

2. Adult Beginning Hebrew: Would you like to learn to read Hebrew? It’s not too late! A basic knowledge of Hebrew can help make Shabbat services more meaningful, help you support your children or grandchildren’s Jewish education, and be a source of pleasure in itself. Shir Ami member Judy Ganz is starting a beginning adult Hebrew class. No previous Hebrew knowledge required. Call or e-mail Judy, 581-6268, Jbganz@aol.com for dates and times.

3. Monthly Book Discussion—Now at a new time!: In 5768, Diana Zankowsky’s adult ed class will meet one weekday evening each month, starting in October. The group will spend the year discussing the 2006 book, *Yearnings*, by Rabbi Irwin Kula (available in paperback and audio). The book treats seven major areas of spirituality, including Truth, Meaning, and Create, and the class will look at one topic each month. Diana is an experienced and skilled book discussion leader. To join the group, please contact her at dzankowsky@aol.com.

L’shanah tovah, a Happy and Sweet New Year to you and yours. I’ll see you at the Labor Day Barbeque, at High Holiday services, and at adult ed throughout the year.

Ruth Hartman
510-582-3379, president@congshirami.org

Rabbis' Corner
Bekah Stern
Carla Fenves

Dear Congregation Shir Ami members and friends,

I am thrilled to be returning to Castro Valley and to all of you for the coming year! It looks to be an exciting and fruitful year ahead. I hope to see most of you at the fast-approaching High Holy Day services, beginning with Erev Rosh Ha'Shanah in the evening on Wednesday, September 12th.

I spent my summer working as a chaplain intern at the UCLA Medical Center in Westwood. My job was to provide spiritual or pastoral care to patients and their family members, as well as to the dedicated medical team. Mostly this meant that I was present with people of all faith backgrounds—not only Jews—during some of the most difficult times in their lives. I often provided care for the dying, and for the loved ones of the gravely ill. It was in these intimate moments that I witnessed firsthand the kind of peace and healing that one human being can provide another, simply by being present. The Jewish philosopher Martin Buber wrote extensively about how God appears and is felt in the relationships between people. This summer I left many patients' rooms with a more profound understanding of what Buber meant.

One of the most important themes in Jewish law is that we must care for those who cannot care for themselves. This is the motivation behind giving *tzedakah* (charity gifts), and also behind the *mitzvah* (commandment) to visit and care for the sick. And so it is in keeping with these strong, caring, Jewish values and commandments, as well as with the warm, family feeling that pulses at the core of Congregation Shir Ami, that we turn our awareness to those in our community who are ill, who are caring for someone who is ill, or who are simply in need of a little extra support. Beginning immediately, if you or someone you know in our community is in need of the community's prayers and support, please email the name to healing@congshirami.org. Your email will allow all of us the opportunity to fulfill a *mitzvah* and in so doing, to have the opportunity to find God in another person's eyes.

Unless otherwise specified, these names will be read aloud during the appropriate time in our *t'filah* (prayer services) to offer healing prayers. The opportunity will still be available for individuals to share names more spontaneously during the services, but this list will help us all to know who among us could benefit from our extra support at the time. This list is meant to be fluid. Our hope is that names will be added *and removed* at the appropriate time. Please remember to send another email to healing@congshirami.org when you or the individual you have named is no longer in need of our extra support.

May the New Year 5768 be one of true peace, health, and fulfillment for all of us.

Bivrachot (with blessings),

Rebekah Stern

Introducing our new Rabbinic Intern Carla Fenves

Carla Fenves is a second year rabbinical school student at Hebrew Union College. Originally from Dallas, TX, she attended Stanford University where she majored in Religious Studies and served as the president of Hillel. She is very excited to be back in the Bay Area at Shir Ami.



September 9th 1st day of school – Preschool through Confirmation
September 16th – Kindergarten through Confirmation
September 23rd - No School
September 30th – Preschool through Confirmation
October 7th – Preschool through Confirmation
October 14th – No School
October 21st – Preschool through Confirmation
October 28th – Kindergarten through Confirmation
November 4 – 6 School Shabbaton at Camp Newman

This year in my monthly column I am planning to profile our Shir Ami teaching staff. Leah Hartman has agreed to be featured this month. Leah is 17 years old and a senior at Castro Valley High School. Leah has a full schedule of classes this year. She'll be taking AP (Advanced Placement) English, AP Spanish, AP Statistics, AP Art History, and US Government and Economics. It is her love of education and learning that fuel both her desire to challenge herself at school and her willingness to teach our students at Congregation Shir Ami. Last year at Shir Ami, Leah taught the Gimel Hebrew Class and the 5th and 6th grade religious school class. This year she will be moving up with a portion of those students to teach the B'nai Mitzvah class.

I asked Leah to tell me how she felt about teaching last year. She reports that it was hard at first as she had never taught a class before. She soon found that she could draw on her experiences as a student to help plan her classes. She was also able to draw on her experiences as an active participant in several Bay Area Jewish teen groups. She regularly attends weekend retreats and traveled to Israel in 2006 with the Jewish Federation's Let's Go Israel! trip. She also participates in the Midrasha program at Temple Sinai in Oakland. Look for Leah's reports on local teen activities in this bulletin.

I asked Leah for some specifics on topics she covered with her religious school class last year. Along with adding some conversational Hebrew to their vocabulary, she taught her students about the evolution of Hebrew. Leah also brought in slides of her Israel trip, and shared her experiences. The 5th and 6th graders also studied nature and the environment. They did a blind taste testing of different natural foods to see what they could identify, and they learned different prayers for different types of foods.

This year Leah brings to Shir Ami the added experience of having spent 8 ½ weeks at Camp Newman as a counselor-in-training. She worked with 3rd through 8th grade campers, and the best part for her was the final session when she got to be a full counselor for her own cabin group. Luckily, all of our students will have the opportunity to know Leah, because along with teaching the B'nai Mitzvah class, she will also be working with our teen group to lead singing, and help with special events.

Please feel free to call me with any questions. And please bring your completed registration and emergency contact forms with your child on the first day of school (copies in this bulletin). I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sincerely, Jodi (510) 881-5672

2007-2008 Religious School Schedule

9:15 – 10:30 Hebrew for grades 3 to confirmation

10:30 – 10:50 songtime for all (

10:50 – 12:45 Religious School for all 11:45-12:00 Oneg break

Adult Education *Diana Zankowsky*

In 5768, the adult education class, facilitated by Diana Zankowsky, will meet one weekday night each month. Our first meeting will be on October 3rd at 7pm, under the sukkah at Diana's home. We will be studying from *Yearnings* by Irwin Kula (Rabbi), published in 2006. This book is available in hardcover, paperback and audio.

The initial class will cover the Preface and the first section, called "Yearning for Truth". If you are interested in joining the class, or for address and directions, please contact Diana at dzankowsky@aol.com.



Youth Group News *Leah Hartman*



Dearest Teens,

School is starting again and that means it's time for EDJY events!

Our informal first event will be on the morning of September 15 at Beth Emek. We will be logging those community service hours by participating in a state-wide Coastal Cleanup (despite the fact that there is not actually a coast anywhere in sight). This is a great opportunity to meet people and do something good for the community. There is also a chance that we could go out for lunch afterwards. Our official kick-off event is still in the works, but until then this is a great way to get started.

Backtracking a few days, EDJY will be playing a role in leading Beth Emek's annual teen Erev Rosh HaShanah service on Wednesday, September 12. The service will be by teens, for teens and will include a variety of youth organizations in the area. If you are interested in helping to plan the service, come discuss your ideas over lunch at In-N-Out on Saturday, September 8th.

That's all for now. More board meetings are coming up to plan fun events as everyone gets settled into the new school year. Mazel Tov to freshmen on their entrance to high school and their eligibility for NFTY regional events! The first of these conflicts with other Shir Ami plans but please save the date of our fall event, November 30-December 2. We hope to see you soon.

Your Religious and Cultural Vice President,
Leah Hartman

Sisterhood/Rosh Chodesh Group

Jan Dombrower



Sisterhood:

All women of Shir Ami, please join us for a great year with Sisterhood. Mark down these dates for Rosh Chodesh to keep in mind.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Oct 11th at 7:30 at Shir Ami. We will welcome new members and reconnect with each other. We will bring in the new month of Chesvan and plan for a wonderful year.

Rosh Chodesh at a glance:

Thursday Oct 11th Chesvan

Tuesday, Nov 13 Kislev

Tuesday, Dec 11 Chanukah Party and Tevet

Tuesday January 8 Shivat

Wednesday, Feb 6 Adar

Women's Retreat: Friday through Sunday, February 22-24

Thursday March 6 Adar II

Tuesday April 8 Nissan and Aran's paint and Glaze

Monday, May 5 Iyyar

Wednesday, June 4 Sivan and Shavout preparation

Thursday, July 3 Tamuz and end of year BBQ

The Tzedakah Box

A Social Action Column

Sara Lamnin

Daryl Berman

A NEW YEAR OF ACTION

“...let the oppressed go free...share your bread with the hungry, and take the wretched poor into your home” (Isaiah 58:6-8).

This year, Rosh Hashanah and Ramadan coincide - each beginning in mid September – marking a time of worship, purification, reading holy books and completing acts of charity. Below is a letter and call to action from the South Hayward Parish as well as a few other opportunities for community action in this season of renewal. Shanah Tovah!

From the South Hayward Parish

Opposition to the Fiji Moslem congregation who wishes to build a worship center on Gading Rd. is growing in some parts of the neighborhood. The South Hayward Parish Board voted unanimously to support this group. Below is a copy of a petition in support of the congregation. Please circulate in places where folk will be interested.

“We, the undersigned, hereby declare our support for the Fijian Muslim community and their desire to build a worship and community cultural center on Gading Road in Hayward, California. The Gading/Patrick corridor is the site of nine houses of worship, all of various Christian denominations. The addition of a worship center for people of the faith of Islam would be a positive reflection of the community’s vibrancy and diversity. We encourage the City of Hayward to support this effort as consistent with its claim to be the “Heart of the Bay” and a place where diversity is not just tolerated but celebrated.

(This petition is being circulated by the Board of Directors of the South Hayward Parish and its member congregations: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Saint Clements Roman Catholic, Congregation Shir Ami, Star King Unitarian Universalist, United Church of Hayward, South Hayward United Methodist, Westminster Hills Presbyterian)”

Contact Daryl if you are interested in signing and/or circulating the petition. Daryl Berman (510) 538-6022 or baryl@pacbell.net

From the Religious Action Center, www.rac.org

During this season of fasting, consider dedicating time to those who face hunger as part of their daily life. Volunteer or donate to Alameda County Community Food Bank or visit the websites www.mazon.org or www.thehungersite.com.

The world produces enough food for everyone. Yet over 800 million people remain chronically hungry. With a daily click on the gold button at The Hunger Site, you can give a cup of free food to someone in need. It costs you nothing as site sponsors fund the food your clicks generate. 100% of sponsor funding is given to the nonprofit organizations Mercy Corps and America’s Second Harvest.

Consider donating to MAZON or other hunger awareness and advocacy organizations the amount of money you would have spent to feed yourself and your family on Yom Kippur and/or the Fast of Gedalia.

From the Union for Reform Judaism 2006, "Days of Awe: A Social Action Guide for the High Holidays"

Tzevet Mitzvot: Adult Mitzvah Corps
New Orleans, LA Mitzvah Corps- December 23-29, 2007

Limit: 30 participants, 18 years of age and older
(Registration Deadline: October 1, 2007)
\$500 plus Transportation Costs to New Orleans

Join other members of the Reform Movement in a week-long experience of Jewish religious living. We will help to rebuild a home damaged by Katrina, worship and study together, and learn about the status and future of the city. You will do things you never thought you could do and more!

For more information and registration, contact Rabbi Soffin rabbisoffin@gmail.com or Phylis RabbisSecretary@tshalom.org

SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



Learn to Blow the Shofar

For interested adults (including post B'Nai Mitzvah teens), Cary Nasatir will be holding a class in learning to blow shofar on Sunday, September 2 at 10 am. Please contact Cary at jcthouse@earthlink.net for location and directions.

Honey for the New Year

From the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay: Sweeten your year and support programs in the East Bay's partnership region in Israel with a jar of honey produced on Kibbutz Yad Mordecai. For more information, call Marilyn at the Jewish Federation at 510 839-2900 ext. 256 or click here to order: <http://63.151.43.13/honey2007/index.html>

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

September, 2007

Yarzheits:

September 12 & 13, 2007 – Rosh Hashanah

Maurice Aronowitz, father of Rose Levine

Martin Brody, grandfather of Noah Markus

Marvin Rozofsky, father of Marlene Rogers

Maurice Finkle, husband of Florence Finkle and former president of Shir Ami

September 21, 2007 – Yom Kippur

Gertrude Kramer, mother of Marion Kramer

Abraham Wolf, father of Ann Blank

September 28, 2007 – Sukkot

Rabbi Joseph Glaser, HUC area Rabbi when Shir Ami began and a great help to
Shir Ami

Sylvia Wolf, mother of Ann Blank

Kaddish List: (to be read at all services in September)

Moshe Vanous, long-time member of Shir Ami

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 one of the founders of Shir Ami

Syd Kramer, uncle of Jan Dombrower

Martin Michelson, brother-in-law of David Schulberg

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

TODAH RABAH FOR THESE GENEROUS DONATIONS

- From Ann and Sam Blank: For a speedy and full recovery for Cary Nassiter, and In Memory of Moshe Vanous.
- From the Finkle family : In Memory of Moshe Vanous, and In Honor of Diana Zankowsky, for the lovely Shiva Service for Moshe Vanous.
- From Ruth Hartman: In Memory of Moshe Vanous, and In Memory of Jean Wolff, mother of Gary Wolff, and Best Wishes to Lori Knopf Santora in recovery for her surgery.
- From Fran Johnson, Ann Blank and Florence Finkle: In Memory of friend, Lynn Glass.
- From Jan Dombrower: Best Wishes to Lori Santora in her recent kidney stone surgery.

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 August 10th: Jan Dombrower

For August 24th: The Bercovich Family

TODAH RABAH

These people were extremely helpful in cleaning up, organizing and setting up Shir Ami's new school year:

Judy Brackin, Lee Carmack, Ruth Rosenthal, Rahel and Isabella Ruiz, Sarah Lamnín, John Zimmerman, Angie, Daniel and Michelle Ross, Jodi, Jeff, Sophia, Spencer and Adam Blum, Ruth Hartman, Irene and Sarah Gilchriese, and Diana Zankowsky.

“A lot was accomplished. Outdoors the hard surfaces were swept, entryways were cleaned, and plant overgrowth was trimmed and tidied up. Inside, cupboards and storage spaces were reorganized allowing materials in boxes on the floors to be shelved and put away. It felt great locking the door on the reorganized space.”

Jodi Blum

What's Nu?

- ❖ In August, Fred, Diana and Stacey Zankowsky flew to Boston and toured colleges and visited with David. Then they drove to NYC/NJ and visited with more of Diana's family and toured more colleges. Once they returned to California, they were visited by David, and by Fred's mom, Doris, completing a very exciting and full month.
- ❖ Jan Dombrower and her son Tyler went to Seattle, Olympia and Portland. Tyler spent time with his relatives and Jan had a reunion with grade school girlfriends.

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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

Congregation Shir Ami

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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

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)

High Holidays at Shir Ami, 2007, 5767-5768



Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 12, Evening Service.....8:00 PM
Thursday, September 13, Morning Service.....10:00 AM
Children's Service, September 23.....2:00 PM

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 21, Kol Nidre Service.....8:00 PM
Saturday, September 22, Morning Service.....10:00 AM
Children's Service, September 22.....1:30 PM
Discussion in the garden, September 22..... 2:00 PM
Yizkor and Concluding Service, September 22.....3:30 PM
Break the Fast.....5:30 PM

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.

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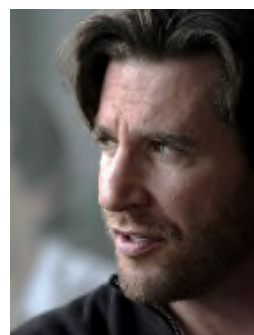
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