

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

Affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism Congregations
March, 2008



Mar 2	School – K through Confirmation	Mar 30	No School
Mar 6	Rosh Chodesh – 7:30 PM	Apr 6	School – K through Confirmation
Mar 7	Shabbat Across America Dinner – 6:30 PM Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Bekah Stern	Apr 8	Rosh Chodesh – 7:30 PM
Mar 8	Adult Ed – 2 PM	Apr 11	Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Bekah Stern
Mar 9	School – Preschool through Confirmation	Apr 12	Adult Ed – 2 PM
Mar 16	No School	Apr 13	School – Preschool through Confirmation
Mar 20	Board Meeting – 7 PM	Apr 17	Board Meeting – 7 PM
Mar 21	K-3 rd grade Shabbat Service and Purim Party – 7 PM Led by Carla Fenves	Apr 20	No School
Mar 22	Adult Ed – 2 PM	Apr 25	Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Carla Fenves
Mar 23	School – Preschool through Confirmation – Purim Carnival	Apr 26	Community Passover Seder – 5:45 PM – see flier for details
		Apr 27	No School

President's Message

Ruth Hartman

Dear Congregation Shir Ami Members and Friends,

It's only March, but families are already making plans for summer youth programs. Research shows that Jewish camp experiences strengthen Jewish identity and result in increased long-term Jewish community involvement. Many of the teens who continue to participate in our Shir Ami community after their bar/bat mitzvah have supplemented their Shir Ami experiences with Jewish summer camping.

Shir Ami Sponsored Camps

There are a variety of Jewish summer programs available to your family. I want to highlight two that Shir Ami co-sponsors:

- **Camp Kadima**, campkadima.bethemek.org, offers six weeks of Jewish summer day-camp fun for children entering Kindergarten through 9th grade. Located in Sunol, the camp offers one- and two-week sessions that include overnights, field trips, and a weekly Shabbat celebration. Many of our youth have attended or worked as staff at this wonderful camp. Talk to Michelle Ross for more info.
- **Camp Newman**, www.campnewmanswig.org, is our fantastic Union for Reform Judaism regional overnight camp. Located in Santa Rosa, Camp Newman offers summer sessions for youth in 2nd grade and up. It's a life-changing experience for many young Jews. Talk to the Blum family, Leah Hartman, or Kaitlin Beckman for personal testimonials.

Financial Aid Is Available

- This year, through the generosity of Sara Lamnin and Jon Zimmerman, Sidney Simpson, and our Sisterhood members, Congregation Shir Ami is offering \$100 per child camperships to member families who request financial assistance. See the item in the Sisterhood/Rosh Hodesh Group page in this bulletin for details on how to apply for these funds.
- There's an exciting new, need-blind camper incentive program for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Jewish children who have never attended Jewish residential camp, funded by the Jim Joseph Foundation. It is called JWEST, and info is available online at http://www.jewishcamping.org/fjc/grants/jwest_campership_program.asp.
- The Bureau of Jewish Education administers a financial assistance program that helped over 350 children attend Jewish residential camp last summer and is funded by the S.F.-based Jewish Community Endowment Fund and the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay. Several Shir Ami families have benefited from these grants in recent years. Details at www.bjesf.org.

As a parent, I can testify that camp offers our kids incredibly fun and meaningful Jewish experiences. I'm very pleased that, even in a tight budget year, we are able to offer camperships support. I hope you'll take advantage of these wonderful programs for your children and grandchildren.

B'shalom,
Ruth Hartman

Rabbis' Corner
Bekah Stern
Carla Fenves

Dear Congregation Shir Ami members and friends,

As American Jews we are always struggling to find the balance. True to our name—the People of Israel—we wrestle daily with choices of identity. In what moments do we feel free to express our Judaism? Is it only when we walk through the welcoming doors of our little congregation, or is it also in the workplace, at school, or in the grocery store? And when do we choose to set our Judaism aside in order to live more fully in the secular world around us? Most likely, these moments occur far more frequently, and perhaps without conscious thought.

It is our heroes' struggle to achieve the same balance in the Book of Esther that I find so compelling. Esther's very name tips us off that she's hiding something—her name means *secret* or *unknown*. In Esther 2:20, after she has been chosen by Achashverosh to be his queen, we read, "But Esther still did not reveal her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had instructed her..." Perhaps Mordecai understood that there was more to be gained by all the Jews of Persia if she did not express her Judaism right away. Or maybe, just like we do everyday when we choose to set our Judaism aside in order to live more fully in the secular world around us, Mordecai saw an unparalleled opportunity for Esther to join Persian society and thereby partake of all the opulence it had to offer.

But although Mordecai and Esther's behavior early in the narrative is much like our own, it is not their secret-keeping that we admire. Rather, Purim celebrates Esther's bravery for coming to the King without being called, and eventually summoning the strength (after fasting for 3 days!) to reveal that which is unknown about her. "...let my life be granted me as my wish, and my people as my request. For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, massacred, and exterminated..." (Esther 7:3-4) So Purim is not simply the celebration of the well known Jewish holiday catch-all, "They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat!" Certainly it is a celebration of our people's survival in the face of hatred and persecution. But it is far more. It is a story much like the story of our own struggle for balance as American Jews. In a rich and vibrant culture much like our own, Esther and Mordecai navigate the opposing forces pulling toward and away from Judaism.

As we retell the story of this ancient struggle for balance in Jewish and secular identities, may we learn something new this year about how we can best find the middle ground between the powerful opposing forces in our own lives that pull us alternately toward and away from Judaism.

For more of the hidden meanings in the Purim story, please join us for our lively adult education discussion group on Saturdays March 8th and 22nd, and for Shir Ami's community Purim celebration on Friday March 21st.

As we enter the 2nd month of Adar, may we increase our joy!

Bekah Stern

March 2nd – Kindergarten to Confirmation

March 9th – Preschool to Confirmation

March 16th – No School

**Friday, March 21st – Purim Shabbat – Kindergarten
– 3rd grades participating**

March 23rd - Purim Carnival – All ages

March 30th – No School - Spring Break

Have your groggers ready!

Haman and Esther, Vashti and Mordechai - Get your spring break off to a great start with the annual celebration of Purim happening this month here at Congregation Shir Ami. On Friday evening March 21st, join us at 7 pm for our traditionally fun and sometimes boisterous celebration of Shabbat. Costumes are welcomed, but not required. The children in the Kindergarten through 3rd grade religious school classes will be preparing with their teachers to participate in the service along with Rabbi Carla. Then on Sunday, March 23rd, join us during religious school for our annual Purim Carnival. We'll have games, crafts, treats, and prizes for all.

“Events not to be missed,” says the Shir Ami bulletin

As always, Jodi

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 March, the adult education class, facilitated by Diana Zankowsky, will meet on the **first** Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm, at Diana's home. We will continue to study from Yearnings by Irwin Kula (Rabbi), published in 2006. This book is available in hardcover, paperback and audio.

This will be our sixth meeting and it will cover the next section of the book, called "Yearning for Happiness". If you are interested in joining the class, or for address and directions, please contact Diana at dzankowsky@aol.com.



Please join our rabbinic interns, Rebekah Stern and Carla Fenves, as they continue to provide an adult education session on the Saturday afternoons when they are in town. These classes meet at Congregation Shir Ami, from 2 to 3:30 pm. On March 8th, Bekah will lead an in-depth study of Megillat Esther, with a careful look at where is God in this story. On March 22nd, Carla will use the Purim story as a means of looking at social justice, especially focusing on the concept of mishloach manot, giving to the poor.

Shir Ami will be offering an adult class in prayerbook Hebrew starting this spring. If you know how to read Hebrew and would like to participate in the class, please call Judy Ganz, 581-6268. The class will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. This class will be a wonderful opportunity to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of various prayers, Hebrew concepts, and Jewish practices.

Sisterhood/Rosh Chodesh Group

Jan Dombrower



Sisterhood:

Sisterhood honored Sara Lamnin last month with a bridal shower. We met at the home of Ruth Hartman and started out with a Thai dinner. The theme of the shower was KEEP IT SPICY. Our gifts to Sara were individual spices and recipes. At the end of the gift giving, an entire spice collection was complete and she had recipes that corresponded to those spices in a new recipe book. We also bestowed upon Sara a generous donation to her favorite charity.

We played racy shower games as the story of Sara and Jon was recounted in story form. Cake and Sorbet followed and a wonderful time was had by all. Mazel Tov to Jon and Sara on their February 29 marriage.

Next month's Rosh Chodesh will be on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30. We will meet at Shir Ami. We will bring in the new month of Adar II. The hostess will be Nancy Storch. Nancy has some very fun activities lined up for us to address the new month. There will be discussion about why Adar is the happiest, most joyous month in the Hebrew calendar. Nancy will lead us in Qigong (pronounced Chi gong) for breathing, health, happiness, and healing. Other surprises may be music, Dr. Seuss, video clips, and of course Rosh Chodesh rituals and treats. All women of Shir Ami and our community, please join us. Please RSVP to Nancy Storch at retiredandmore@yahoo.com

Camperships

Jewish summer camp is a great way for kids to enhance their Jewish experience. Sisterhood is proudly sponsoring scholarships for camper aged children in our congregation. Generous donation were made from Sara Lamnin and Jon Zimmerman in honor of their wedding and Sydney Simpson and Sisterhood to this scholarship fund.

We will be awarding individual children with \$100 camperships to our URJ camps Newman and Swig and Camp Kadima. Other Jewish camps may be applied as well. We are awarding the children their scholarships on a need basis. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please write a letter with the name or names of the children that are applying with your intention in applying. Please state the name of the camp that your child is applying for.

Send the letter to 'Shir Ami care of Sisterhood Camp Scholarships:
Attn: Jan Dombrower, 4529 MALABAR AVE., Castro Valley CA 94546.

Or you may hand deliver the letter and place it in the "Sisterhood" mail slot in the front classroom at Shir Ami.

Letters may be sent at any time, as long as our campership funds last. Candidates will be notified within three weeks from the time their letter was received.

Retreat

This year's retreat was an especially moving experience. With the news of our beloved member, Ricki Baird's loss, we were faced with the question of how to proceed for the weekend. We decided we would balance the retreat with the regular schedule intermingled with addressing the grief people were feeling. We allowed time for women to talk about their feelings and process the devastating event that occurred. Harriet Skelly led us through a sympathy book project. Throughout the weekend each woman could decorate and write words of comfort on their page to Ricki. The book was taken to her by the San Luis Obispo women.

The theme of the retreat was EVERY WOMAN HAS A STORY. This theme carried throughout the retreat from the ice-breaker to the creative dramatics on Sat night.

On Friday night and Saturday morning we had services with the entire group participating. We had seven Torah readers. A very special moment was when Julie Greenfield became bat mitzvah by reading from the Torah for the first time. The listening circles, led by Ruth Hartman, was next. Ruth gave us specific prompts, and we each took a turn to talk about that part of our story while our partners listened.

Rose Firestone led us in an instrument making art project. We painted shakers and maracas and made wrist bell jinglers. After free time, Maryann led us in Havdallah. The evening program, OUR PEOPLE'S STORY, THE MUSICAL, was led by Jan Dombrower. Small groups created and performed skits about aspects of our Jewish history with musical parades interspersed and accompanied by the musical instruments we had made earlier.

On Sunday morning we had a very lively and interesting book discussion on the book we all read called, Sarah Laughed, led by Diana Zankowsky. We read three different chapters that were about different biblical women's stories. After that, there was a choice between Yoga, board games, and journaling. Lunch and closing circle followed. It was an emotional, close, fun, and spiritual weekend. Thank you to the leaders and the entire group for making it such a great success even with the difficult circumstances.

Youth Group News

Leah Hartman



Hey teens,

I have so much stuff to tell you this month! First of all, on March 8th EDGY is collaborating with ETY-TESTY of San Francisco to play the game Bigger is Better right here in Castro Valley. As you may recall from last month's bulletin, this game consists of two teams starting with a paperclip and going door-to-door to trade for bigger items. The team with the biggest item at the end of the time period wins. Past teams have gotten sofas, washing machines, and—rumor has it—even a car. The game will be chaperoned and completely safe. We will meet at 12:00 pm at Loard's Ice Cream, off of CV Blvd. We plan to eat, have a short service in a park, and then go at it. Be there for an amazing day!

Equally exciting is the next NFTY regional event, which is March 14-16. This event, Spring Conclave, is a personal favorite because we get to elect next year's Regional Board. There will also, of course, be lots of fun activities and free time. I wholeheartedly recommend going. Forms are available at nfty.org/cwr and Late Registration closes on March 7th. The site's username is "nftycwr" and the password is "newman".

Speaking of board elections, it's almost time to elect a new EDJY board. Our elections will be held on April 5th, with a special initiation for the winners on the next day. Intent to Run forms, however, must be turned in by March 16th. Being on EDJY board is a wonderful experience for several reasons: it gives you a community of great friends, hones your leadership skills, looks great on a college application, and is just plain fun. If you would like to be on board, please contact any current board member for more information and a copy of the Intent to Run form.

Lastly, on March 22nd there is a Bay-wide Jewish teen Purim party! Although it is not sponsored by our NFTY region it is sponsored by several NFTY chapters, the CJLL, BBYO, and the JSU. It's happening at three locations, but the closest is the Frances Albrier Community Center at 2800 Park Street, Berkeley. It runs from 9:00 pm to 12:00 am, and parking is available. The cost is \$5 at the door or \$3 with a costume. I hope to see you all there!

Your Religious and Cultural Vice President,

Leah Hartman

The Tzedakah Box
A Social Action Column
Sara Lamnin
Daryl Berman

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Day Labor Center 782-9675 Driving students from ESL classes
- Family Resource Center 782-2947 light receptionist work
- USDA Food Distribution 303-1890 Help pack and distribute food
- South Hayward Parish 782-5795 Data entry. Help bag bakery donations on Tues. and Thurs. mornings.

SOCKS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for socks for the homeless. South Hayward Parish is collecting socks to distribute to the homeless through the Hayward Day Labor Center, the Generations Project and at the feeding of the homeless program at Portuguese Park in Hayward.

VIGILS of CARING

The South Hayward Parish goes to sites of violent deaths in Hayward each Friday at 12:15 PM until 3-21-08 to remember the victims, families and perpetrators of the violent acts. It is a very moving experience that generates compassion, understanding and a connection to others. All are invited to attend. For more information call Daryl Berman (510 538-6022) or Sara Lamnin (510 733-5114).

FOOD for PETS of the HOMELESS

The South Hayward Parish is participating in new program. A woman dedicated to pets procured food to be distributed to pets of the homeless. Sometimes a homeless person will give his/her pet food meant for the person. The distribution helps to maintain the homeless person's health.

SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



The 23rd Jewish Music Festival, March 22-30, 2008

A program of the JCC of the East Bay with concerts throughout the Bay Area

This leading festival of Jewish music in the United States presents more than three dozen artists from Israel, Ukraine, the Bay Area and New Orleans Diaspora. Highlights include Grammy-winning composer, trumpeter, and band leader **Frank London**, world-renowned Hasidic cantor **Benzion Miller**, the shtetl punk sound of **Golem; Sephardic, Yiddish, jazz, classical, new music, a World Premiere, community dance party and more!** Visit www.jewishmusicfestival.org or call 800-838-3006. Group discounts available, call 510-848-0237 x 139. Ticket passes: 9 events for \$110!

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
March, 2008

Yahrzheits:

March 7 , 2008

***Esther Carter, mother of Bruce Carter, grandmother of
David Carter***

Clara Finlay, mother of Todd Finlay

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

***Dalton Gautreaux, father of Sidney Simpson, uncle of
Toni Schulberg***

***Melvin Johnson, husband of Frances Johnson, father of
Delores Waley***

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

Edna Vanous, long-time member of Shir Ami

Matthew Zankowsky, father of Fred Zankowsky

March 21 , 2008

James Finlay, father of Todd Finlay

***Stella Small, grandmother of Toni Schulberg and Sidney
Simpson***

Ruth Zelezny, grandmother of Julie Greenfield



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

Sy Mouber, long-time former member of Shir Ami

***Chris Partridge, son of Ricki Baird, former member of
Shir Ami***

***Georgie Brooke, mother of Toni Schulberg and aunt of
Sidney Simpson***

***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 and uncle of David
Carter***

May their memory be a blessing...

Ever wonder how the names read out loud for Yahrzeit 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 Yahrzeit 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 Yahrzeit (Toni will look up the Hebrew date for you). Questions? Call Toni at 278-1695 or e-mail her at yahrzeits@congshirami.org.



TODAH RABAH FOR THESE GENEROUS DONATIONS:

- ***From Florrie Finkle: in Memory of her mother, Tessie Bressler at her Yahrzeit.***
- ***From Bruce and Susan Carter: in Memory of Rolf Weinberg and in Memory of Esther Carter.***
- ***From Irina and Alex Druker: in Memory of Rivka Rosenberg at his Yahrzeit.***
- ***From Ann and Sam Blank: in Memory of Rolf Weinberg.***
- ***From Sara Lamnin and Jon Zimmerman to the Sisterhood campership fund in Honor of their wedding***
- ***From Sidney Simpson to the Sisterhood campership fund***

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.



***Thank you to our Oneg Hosts:
Feb. 8th: Jon Zimmerman and Sara Lamnin
Feb 22nd: The Seideman Family***



What's Nu?

- ***Our Shir Ami Community is saddened by the loss of Sy Mouber, a long-time former member who was quite active in Shir Ami.***
 - ***Sad news was received by the Shir Ami Community about the loss of Christopher Partridge, son of Ricki Baird, former member of Shir Ami. Julie Greenfield and Rose Firestone traveled to San Luis Obispo for the funeral on February 21st.***
 - ***Mazel Tov to Sara Lamnin and Jon Zimmerman on their marriage on February 29th. Todah Rabah for their generous donation to our sisterhood campership fund in Honor of their wedding.***
 - ***Mazel Tov to Sidney Simpson on completing her training to be a docent at the Oakland Zoo. Sidney loves animals and she will be a fantastic docent!***

Shir Ami Contacts

President:

Ruth Hartman
president@congsHIRAMI.org

Membership:

Barbara Heimowitz
membership@congsHIRAMI.org

School:

Jodi Blum
education@congsHIRAMI.org

Religious:

David Schulberg
religion@congsHIRAMI.org

Oneg Shabbat:

Sharon Golembo
oneg@congsHIRAMI.org

Newsletter:

Harriet Skelly
editor@congsHIRAMI.org

Newsletter mailing:

Lily Erickson
editor@congsHIRAMI.org

Scrip/eScrip:

Position open
escrip@congsHIRAMI.org

Community Page:

Lori Knopf Santora
community@congsHIRAMI.org

Dues:

Toni Schulberg
treasurer@congsHIRAMI.org

Invoices/Payables:

Maryann Leshin
treasurer@congsHIRAMI.org

Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood:

Jan Dombrower
sisterhood@congsHIRAMI.org

Social Action:

Daryl Berman
Julie Greenfield
Sara Lamnin
socialaction@congsHIRAMI.org

Yahrzeit Listings:

Tonia Schulberg
yahrzeits@congsHIRAMI.org

Donations:

General Funds, Special Funds,
Wall Plaques
Florrie Finkle
donations@congsHIRAMI.org



eScrip Families

Renew today!

It's easy to renew:

- Have your Safeway Club Card Number Available
- Visit escrip.com
- Click on **"YES! RENEW"**

**If you have not renewed,
our contributions have
stopped. Renew now to
start earning again!**

Safeway is proud to partner with eScrip to support the education of youth.

If you participated last year, don't forget to renew your commitment to the program to continue receiving Safeway contributions.

If you are not enrolled in the program sign-up today at escrip.com.

Shop Safeway, and earn valuable money for our school or group.

On **March 7th** tens of thousands of
Jews across America will come together
to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate
and celebrate at the **12th Annual**
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA™

On Friday night, **March 7, 2008**, hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate that which unifies all Jews -- Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families -- all ages. So bring your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers -- and let's celebrate, together!

888-SHABBAT
888-742-2228
WWW.NJOP.ORG



Brought to you by the National Jewish Outreach Program
989 Sixth Avenue, 10th Fl, New York, NY 10018
646-871-4444 saa@njop.org www.njop.org

Sponsored by the Melohn family in honor of Mrs. Martha Melohn

Congregation Shir Ami, 4529 Malabar Ave, Castro Valley
Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Shabbat services at 8:00 p.m.
RSVP to 510-537-2066 or info@congshirami.org

Come in Costume!

K to 4th Grade Purim Party



Friday, March 21st at 7:00 PM

An evening of fun with Services

Conducted by

Carla Fenves

Invite a friend and their parents!



**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, Afghanistan 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 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 troops receive their Passover in time for the holiday

Solo Seder Kits for Passover are \$25.00. Each contains Passover Seder essentials 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 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:
B'nai B'rith Northeast Field Office
1420 Walnut Street, Suite 720
Philadelphia, PA 19102-4006

For additional information, call toll free: 888-274-8418
or email our Western Area Field Office: rkrancberg@bnaibrith.org

Congregation Shir Ami
Community-Wide Passover Seder

will be led by Carla Fenves
on Saturday April 26th, 2008, 5:30 - 9.00 PM
at the Castro Valley Community Center



The Community, including unaffiliated and interfaith families, is 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, music and a festive kosher-style Holiday meal.



Seating is limited ~ please provide the information below:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

No. _____ adult Shir Ami members @ \$25 = \$ _____ No. _____ adult non-Shir Ami members @ \$30 = \$ _____

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 April 17th to:

Congregation Shir Ami
Attn: Barbara Heimowitz
4529 Malabar Ave
Castro Valley, CA 94546

MONEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

For more information call Barbara Heimowitz after 5:00 PM (510) 537-2066