

Shir Ami News

The Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Shir Ami
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October, 2008



Oct 5	No School	Nov 2	Sisterhood – Fiddler on the Roof
Oct 8	Kol Nidre Service – 8PM See flier for details	Nov 7-9	Family Shabbaton at Camp Newman – see Bulletin Board message in this bulletin
Oct 9	Yom Kippur Services – 10 AM; See flier for details	Nov 9	No school
Oct 12	School – K through Confirmation	Nov 14	Kids Shabbat Service – 6 PM Pot Luck Dinner – 6:45 PM Shabbat Services – 8 PM; led by Matt Dreffin
Oct 17	Sukkot Potluck 6:30 PM Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Matt Dreffin	Nov 15	Adult Ed – 7 PM
Oct 18	Adult Ed – 7 PM See Adult Ed article for details	Nov 16	School – Preschool through Confirmation
Oct 19	School – Preschool through Confirmation; Sukkot	Nov 20	Board Meeting – 7 PM
Oct 20	Board Meeting – 7 PM	Nov 21	Shabbat Services – 8 PM Led by Suzy Stone
Oct 24	Simchat Torah Services – 7 PM; Led by Suzy Stone	Nov 22	Spencer Blum Bar Mitzvah – 10 AM
Oct 25	Adult Ed – 4 PM See Adult Ed article for details	Nov 23	School – Preschool through Confirmation
Oct 30	Rosh Chodesh – 7:30 PM	Nov 30	No School
Nov 2	School – K through Confirmation		

President's Message

Ruth Hartman

Dear Shir Ami Members and Friends,

This month, I bring you a guest columnist: my daughter Hana Hartman. Hana is a 10th grader at Castro Valley High School and the Religious and Cultural VP of our regional NFTY youth group, known as EDJY. The group sponsored a youth service at Congregation Beth Emek for Erev Rosh Hashanah this week, and the following is the d'var Torah that Hana delivered.

Good evening, and thank you for coming to EDJY's Erev Rosh Hashanah Service. It's really great to have everyone here.

I'll be honest with you: Rosh Hashanah is not my favorite holiday. While it is traditionally a time of reflection and serious thought, it is also a celebration of the new year and a preparation for Yom Kippur. This combination of purposes has always thrown me off a little bit. I skip school to go to synagogue and think about my life, all the while wondering what my friends are doing while I sit and listen to the rabbi talk. I listen to the prayers and the speeches and try to make sense of the many messages coming at me: I should repent for my sins, I should think about the new year, I should take advantage of my life and opportunities, eating apples and honey can influence the future, and, most prevalent of all, I have really been asleep all year without knowing it and the shofar will wake me up.

This somewhat cynical interpretation of the holiday is, I think, shared by a lot of people. It's hard to feel connected to a holiday that's all about coming to terms with your mistakes and changing them in the future. I think a lot of us feel defensive when asked to do this, and so the value of Rosh Hashanah gets lost.

In fact, when I thought about this speech, I came to the conclusion that Rosh Hashanah is actually full of beautiful messages. When I really took the time to look through the prayer book on my own, rather than in unison during a service, I found all sorts of hidden meanings that really did relate to my life. I found words about choice and our power in this world to make a difference. And to me, that's what Rosh Hashanah is really about. It's about each person's ability to make a difference if we only take the time to reflect, and make the decision to change our lives.

I think that's why the Binding of Isaac is talked about at Rosh Hashanah. After all these years, 5,769 to be exact, it still has relevance to that concept of choice. We all know the story; God tells Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, so Abraham takes Isaac up the mountain without telling him why they are going there and binds him, ready to sacrifice. At this point God takes back his request and gives Abraham a ram to sacrifice instead. I think we'd all agree that Abraham faced a pretty big choice in this story. Don't worry; I'm not about to tell you that Abraham made the correct or incorrect choice in what he did, because, like I said, Rosh Hashanah is designed for individual interpretation and it's not up to me to tell you what to believe. But in my opinion, the important thing to take away from the story is that we all have choices to make, whether big choices, like Abraham faced, or small choices, like what to tell our friends when they ask for advice. The point is that each choice we face is, in fact, a pure decision for us to make, and putting aside what anybody else wants or the obligations we feel to others to follow their lead, we still have to live with that decision afterwards. This, I think, is what Rosh Hashanah is trying to tell us. Because every year, we come back and look at those choices we made and know that inevitably, there will be some we have to repent for. The goal of Rosh Hashanah is to convince us to think about our choices before we make them, so that we can lower that number of choices we repent for each year.

Over the last month, the month of Elul, we were all supposed to have been engaged in spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days. I don't know about you, but I find this somewhat difficult to achieve in harmony with school, friends, and family obligations. But over the last few days, as I wrote this D'var Torah to deliver tonight, I had to do a lot of thinking about Rosh Hashanah after all. This is what I came up with: This holiday is about living our lives in a way that we don't have to regret later. It's about making choices that we can be proud of and that take us the places that we want to go. Thank you so much for coming, and I hope that you find meaning in the High Holy Days that helps you choose the life you want in the coming year. Shanah Tovah.

Wishing you a sweet, healthy, and deeply connected New Year.

L'shanah tovah,

Ruth Hartman

Rabbis' Corner

Matt Dreffin

Suzy Stone

As a kid growing up in one of the largest reform synagogues in Minneapolis, I remember sitting perched on the balcony during high holidays waiting for one thing, and one thing only—the blowing of the shofar! I never knew what was happening during services, but I always knew that when the shofar was blown, I stood at attention--mesmerized. As a child, nothing captivated my imagination like the long blasts of the shofar, and the calling out of all the different sounds. But in reality, I never knew what any of it meant. So this year, I journey to Shir Ami for Rosh Hashanah, I not only come bearing a shofar from Jerusalem, I also come equipped with meaning. For instance, the word—Shofar—most likely comes from the Assyrian word “Shapparu,” which means “wild goat.” However, this word is also connected to the Hebrew root that means to “be pleasant, beautiful or goodly.” But what is so beautiful about blowing the shofar 100 times anyways? Doesn't it sound more abrupt than beautiful?

In superb Talmudic fashion, the rabbis explain that these 100 notes represent the sobbing and lamenting of the mother of the Canaanite general Sisera, who was killed at the hands of the Israelite warrior Yael (Judges 5:21). And in Aramaic, the word for “sobbing” was the same word used in the Torah for the blowing of the shofar. Thus, by blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah we accomplish at least two things. First, we call to mind all of those whom we may knowingly or unknowingly hurt, and we recognize their suffering through the wailing of the shofar. And second, in contrast to this, we use the shofar as a reminder to “wake up” and to prepare ourselves to create a beautiful and pleasant new year. Shanah Tovah L'Kulam— A Happy and healthy new year to everyone!

Sincerely,
Rabbi Suzy



Sunday, October 5th No School Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 12th School K – Confirmation

Friday, October 17th Sukkot Potluck

Sunday, October 19th School PreK – Confirmation

Friday, October 24th Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 26th School PreK – Confirmation

Recently, Sophia helped set me up with a page on the internet networking site called Facebook. It has been a fun way to connect with friends, and at least allows me to pretend that I am very hip and current. At some point during the sign in process, Sophia entered my High School and year of graduation. This entry matched me with the name of a High School friend that I haven't talked to in 30 years. It turns out that this friend has moved from the medium sized city we grew up in to a small town in Northern Michigan. His family finds a great sense of community there, and his kids can go into the local country store, buy lunch, and put it on the family tab. The first thought that came to my mind as I happily learned about an old friend's life was, oh wow, I have a community too, I have Shir Ami. The community of Shir Ami may not provide a local store where my kids can put a sandwich "on the tab", but it does provide any number of doors around town that they could knock on, and find a friend who would make them a sandwich (maybe even a Kosher one). Somehow over the last 30 years, living 2000 miles apart, in a technological world getting more complex daily, my old friend and I discovered the same thing - having a supportive community is enriching and wonderfully valuable to the life of a family.

The holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah this month provide Shir Ami families with a number of opportunities to share in our community. Sunday School will meet on October 12th, 19th and 26th with Preschoolers joining in the fun on the 19th and 26th. Rabbi Matt will be here the weekend of the 17th to 19th to lead us as we enjoy a Sukkot Potluck dinner followed by Shabbat services. For those families with children too young to make it through Shabbat services you are absolutely welcome to join us for the potluck portion of the evening only. The weekend of the 24th to 26th Rabbi Suzy will be here to lead us in our celebration of Simchat Torah. Services that night will start an hour earlier than usual, at 7:00 p.m., to make it easier for children to attend on this festive night.

Loving thanks to you all for being my community,

Jodi

Adult Education

Diana Zankowsky

In October, Congregation Shir Ami will have several different adult education offerings.

Our on-going monthly class for adults interested in conversion to Judaism will continue to meet on Saturdays. Contact Diana Zankowsky, dzankowsky@aol.com, for more information or if you are interested in joining.

Our once-monthly book study group will begin studying from Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts, edited by Barry W. Holtz. This text, recommended by the URJ as one of the best books, will help us to learn how to read and study Bible, Midrash, Talmud and other writings. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th. Please email Diana Zankowsky, dzankowsky@aol.com, to learn the location of the class.

Judy Ganz continues to teach the weekly "Learning Hebrew through Prayer" class, for those who already have basic literacy skills. Please contact Judy at jbganz@aol.com if you are interested in joining.

Rabbinic Intern Matt Dreffin will be bringing HaUshpizin ("The holy guests") an Israeli film on Saturday, October 18th to our community. This revelatory and humorous movie about modern day ultra-orthodox life was nominated for 3 awards in 2004 (it won 1, Best actor) by the Israeli Film Academy. It was the first movie made by members of the ultra-orthodox community in collaboration with the secular community.



Set during the time of Sukkot, it introduces viewers to some new and strange rituals/customs, as well as speaks on the universal level. It promises to provoke, inspire and amuse. The evening will begin with Havdalah, then a viewing of the movie in the sanctuary, followed by dessert and discussion.

Rabbinic Intern Suzy Stone will be leading her once-monthly class on the Saturday, October 25th, from 4-5:30 pm at the synagogue. Called "Parashah HaShavuah-- The Weekly Torah Portion: From the Mystics to Modernity", on this Saturday, the discussion will be on Bereshit, the first Torah portion of the year.

Sisterhood/Rosh Chodesh Group

Jan Dombrower



Our next Rosh Chodesh will be on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 7:30. Program and location to be determined.

Here is our Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood calendar - please save these dates:

Nov 2- Sisterhood outing to Fiddler on the Roof
Dec 27- Tevet; All Shir Ami Chanukah Party hosted by Sisterhood
Jan 27 Sh'vat
Feb 20 -23; Women's Retreat
Feb 25 Adar
March 26 Nissan
April 23 Iyyar
May 26 Sivan

Sisterhood and Rosh Chodesh meetings are great ways to deepen our friendships with the women of Shir Ami. We gather for blessings, song, study, discussion, renewal, and reflection during Rosh Chodesh. Rosh Chodesh, which means head of the month, is a Jewish women's celebration that occurs each month as the sliver of the new moon is seen in the sky. Each month we focus on a different theme. There is plenty of time for talking, sharing, and enjoying refreshments.

Sisterhood also has outings, simchas, and retreats. This year we will be going to Fiddler on the Roof starring our own congregants, the Silver family. We will be going as a group. Please join us: <http://www.chanticleers.org/fiddlerontheroof.html>

Our Women's retreat is always a meaningful and enjoyable weekend. We hope you join us this year.

Please contact Jan Dombrower: <mailto:sisterhood@congshirami.org>
if you have questions about how to go about joining our group.
We are a very welcoming group and always look forward to new women joining us.

The Tzedakah Box
A Social Action Column
Sara Lamnin
Daryl Berman

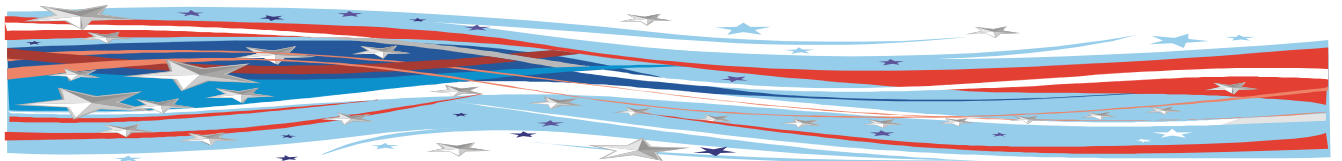
YOU ARE IMPORTANT!

Do you agree with the way things are? Do you believe change should be made? Do you like or dislike a particular candidate?

Your opinion matters! The only way for your voice to be heard is to speak up! There are no mind readers in government, but leaders will listen.

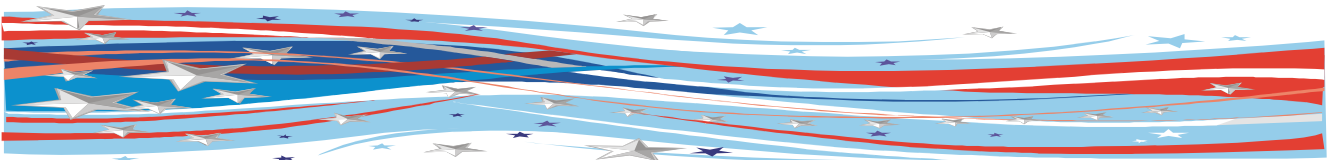
How can you be heard? **Vote! Speak Up! Share your ideas!**

Not sure how? Visit your local Registrar of Voters, City Clerk, League of Women Voters, or www.vote411.org for information about registering and voting. For information about candidates, propositions, and funders try www.smartvoter.org and <http://calvoter.org/issues/disclosure/follow.html>



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in helping your community? Would you like to make between \$95-180 for one day's work? If you are 16 years of age or older, you may be eligible to be a Poll Worker on November 4th. Call 510-272-6971 for details.



You are blessed, Adonai our God, Source of Life, who enables us to strive toward the devotion of Jonathan and David, the life-sharing of Ruth and Naomi, and the commitment of Jacob and Rachel. May the time come soon when the voices of all who are passionately committed to each other, the music of all friendships, will rise up to be heard and celebrated in the gates of our cities. May the time come soon when we can all drink a full cup of joy. Blessed are You, Source of Love.

From the Progressive Jewish Alliance www.pjalliance.org

Congregation Shir Ami Board Resolution

As you probably are aware, an initiative has been qualified for California's November ballot to amend the state constitution to destroy our newly-determined constitutional right to marry a partner of the same gender (referred to as Proposition 8 on the November ballot).

The URJ Regional Council of the Pacific Central West (our region) has joined with URJ Pacific Southwest Council to pass a resolution to formally endorse the Equality for All campaign against the November ballot initiative. In so doing, the Reform Movement is creating a California-wide

message against Prop. 8. Such an endorsement is fully in line with the policy of the URJ on same-gender marriage (and that of other branches of the Reform Movement as well). Our west coast rabbinic association (PARR) is considering a similar resolution this month.

Your Board, at its September meeting, also approved a resolution to support the resolution passed by our regional council and the position taken by the URJ last November at the Biennial Convention. Congregation Shir Ami has stated its opposition to Proposition 8, the California constitutional amendment, which, if passed, would eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry.

Similar to the recent URJ Resolution against proposition 8, the Progressive Jewish Alliance advocates for:

Legal recognition for a wide range of relationships, households and families – regardless of kinship or conjugal status.

Separation of church and state in all matters, including regulation and recognition of relationships, households and families.

In the **February 29, 2008 Jewish News Weekly**, Sara Bolder wrote:

“As people who have long known the sting of marginalization and inferior citizenship, and because our tradition demands that we “do that which is upright and good,” the Jewish community should oppose any efforts to discriminate against gay men and lesbians, whether by constitutional amendment or by the creation of second-class civil unions. Jewish legal tradition is grounded in the notion that the law should be applied equally to all, friend and stranger alike.”

For more information:

Union for Reform Judaism:

http://urj.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=13459&pge_prq_id=42111&pge_id=5279

Sara Bolder's Article:

http://www.jewishsf.com/content/2-0-/module/displaystory/story_id/34705/format/html/displaystory.html

Opposition to Proposition 8: <http://www.noonprop8.com>

Progressive Jewish Alliance: <http://www.pjalliance.org>

SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



COMMUNITY SHABBAT WEEKEND

SAVE THE DATE! JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY TO LEARN TOGETHER, PLAY TOGETHER AND EXPAND THE WAYS YOU LIVE JEWISHLY...

Mark your calendars from **Friday, Nov. 7 - Sunday, Nov. 9** and join our multi-congregational, multi-generational and multi-faceted Shabbat weekend at URJ Camp Newman in Santa Rosa . All ages warmly welcomed; engaging educational, cultural and social programs guaranteed.

We are very excited to announce that Cantor Ellen Dreskin will be our Guest Artist/Scholar-in-Residence for the weekend. Ellen Dreskin is a teacher of liturgy, synagogue transformation and mysticism, who has served for many years on the faculty of URJ Summer Kallot, Hava Nashira and the URJ Kutz Camp Leadership Academy. Ellen has worked with Jews of all denominations from Houston to Chicago and Los Angeles to Boston, both as a scholar in residence and in her capacity as Director of Programs for Synagogue 2000, a national, not-for-profit institute dedicated to revitalizing and re-energizing synagogue life in North America. She has served as both Cantor and Educator at Woodlands Community Temple in White Plains, New York and at Anshe Chesed-Fairmount Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, and as the spiritual leader of Chavurat Tikvah in Westchester County, New York. Ellen has also served as Associate Dean of HUC-JIR in New York, and sings with Begeg Kefet, a musical tzedakah collective. Ellen is a native Texan, a 1986 graduate of HUC-JIR School of Sacred Music and has a Master's Degree in Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University. Check out www.dreskin.us to learn more about this amazing Jewish educator, performer and scholar.

This Community-wide Shabbaton is jointly presented by Congregation Shir Ami, Temple Beth Torah, Temple Beth Sholom and Congregation Beth Emek. We are equally excited to let you know that Rabbis Avi Schulman, Harry Manhoff, and Richard Winer and Student Rabbi Rebekah Stern will be leading services and many of our other activities as will several other clergy and lay leaders, enabling us to offer inspiring and diverse programs for all ages and all interests.

Program details and registration flier are available at Shir Ami, or contact Barb Haber, bjhaber@sbcglobal.net for more information. Registration and payment is due by October 12. .

SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



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The Art of Living: JFCS/East Bay's second annual fundraising gala

An evening of food, wine, and conversation with Mollie Katzen, author of Moosewood Cookbook and Michael Wild, executive chef of BayWolf Restaurant.

Silent Auction, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and wine (dietary laws observed)

Sunday, October 19, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Oakland Museum of California

To request an invitation, please email <mailto:bross@jfcs-eastbay.org>

Jewish Community Center of San Francisco Bookfest – Sunday, Nov. 2

Celebrate the best of today's Jewish literary landscape at this popular annual event. Discover the hottest new Jewish authors and get lost in an entire day of books! This year's extravaganza includes David Grossman (keynote), Amy Bloom, Anne Roiphe, Etgar Keret, Lore Segal, Ilan Stavans, Rabbi David Wolpe, and many more!

Sunday, November 2, 2008

Author events: 11:00am - 6:30pm

Drop-in childcare available: 10:00am - 6:30pm

Onsite bookstore courtesy of The Booksmith: 10:30am - 7:00pm

Free of charge; No reservations required.

Tickets required for keynote.

For a complete schedule of authors and events, visit <http://www.jccsf.org/bookfest>

URJ Special Program -- Hope and Healing

Please join us on Sunday, November 16th, 2008 at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills for a day of support and healing.

Learn from a distinguished panel as they share their personal and professional experiences helping cancer patients and their loved ones cope with illness, avoid feelings of isolation, and find spiritual healing.

All clergy, lay leaders, educators, cancer survivors, family members and congregants wishing to learn more about hope and healing are encouraged to participate.

Additional information is provided in the attached flier. For questions, please contact Rebecca Schwartz at the URJ Department of Jewish Family Concerns, <mailto:RSchwartz@urj.org> or toll free at (888) 756-8242 ext 29.

The Community Page

October, 2008

Yahrzheits:

October 8 & 9, 2008 – Yom Kippur

Jeanette Brody, grandmother of Noah Markus
Helen Knopf, mother of Lori Knopf Santora
Beatrice Goldman, grandmother of Nancy Storch
Gertrude Kramer, mother of Marion Kramer
Sylvia Wolf, mother of Ann Blank

October 17, 2008 – Sukkot Service

Rabbi Joseph Glaser, HUC area Rabbi when Shir Ami began, and a great help to Shir Ami
Karl Meininger, father of Ingrid Weinberg
Beatrice Morrison-Golembo, mother of Sharon Golembo

October 24, 2008 – Simchat Torah Service

Anne Aronowitz, mother of Rose Levine
Ruth Bergel, mother of Marci Loss
Morris Cohen, father of Zac Cohen

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

Betya Druker, mother of Alex Druker
Sy Moubert, long-time former member of Shir Ami
Chris Partridge, son of Ricki Baird, previous members of Shir Ami

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 Florence Finkel: in Memory of Maury Finkel at his Yahrzeit
- From Judy Ganz: In Memory of her mother, Shaiva Bernstein.
- From Ingrid Weinberg: In Memory of her mother's Yahrzeit on Sept. 7th and her father's Yahrzeit on Oct. 2nd.
- From Daryl Berman and Lilly Erickson: In Memory of Blanche Berman.

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 September 12th: Harriet Skelly & Family
- ❖ For September 29th: Jan Dombrower & Sharon Golembo



TODAH RABAH TO OUR LABOR DAY BBQ COMMITTEE:

- ❖ Barbara Heimowitz for overall coordination, planning and obtaining silent auction donations
- ❖ The Schulbergs and the Skellys for their donation of the main BBQ food
- ❖ David Schulberg, Bruce Skelly and Fred Zankowsky for cooking the food
- ❖ Raffle Committee: Barbara Heimowitz, Ruth Hartman, Jan Dombrower, Lilly Erickson
- ❖ Nancy Storch for donating two lovely paintings and Harriet Skelly for donating three sets of handmade greeting cards
- ❖ David Ross for providing the sound system
- ❖ Jeff Blum for doing a great job as auctioneer.

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September 15, 2008

Dear Friends:

You are undoubtedly aware of our upcoming High Holiday Services in September 29th & 30th and October 8th & 9th. This year, we will once again have 2 student Rabbis from Hebrew Union College: Suzy Stone and Matt Dreffin, both 2nd year students. In addition, we are very pleased to once again have Rachel Brott as our Cantorial Soloist. 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.

This year's High Holiday ticket prices will be the same as last year. If you have any guests, 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. 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 Memorial (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

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

Enclosed is a check for ____ tickets @ \$_____ for
Name: _____
Address: _____

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

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High Holidays at Shir Ami, 2008, 5768-5769



Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 29, Evening Service.....	8:00 PM
Tuesday, September 30, Morning Service.....	10:00 AM
Children's Service, September 30.....	2:00 PM
Tashlich.....	3:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 8, Kol Nidre Service.....	8:00 PM
Thursday, October 9, Morning Service.....	10:00 AM
Children's Service, October 9.....	1:30 PM
**Study of the Story of Jonah.....	1:15~1:30 PM
Discussion in the garden, October 9.....	2:00 PM
Yizkor and Concluding Service, October 9.....	3:30 PM
Break the Fast.....	5:30 PM

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE!

FROM ROSH HASHANAH TO YOM KIPPUR

ראש השנה
ROSH HASHANAH



יום כפור
YOM KIPPUR

*Benefiting the
Alameda County
Community Food Bank*

On the heels of last year's highly successful High Holy Days Food Drive, we're doing it again! Please bring in nutritious, non-perishable food items during the High Holy Days and help make a difference.

- Bags will be distributed during Rosh Hashanah
- Return your bags as early on Yom Kippur
- Our goal is 10 pounds of food per family!

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Questions?

Please contact JULIE
GREENFIELD at (510) 881-5299

SUKKOT סוכות



Sukkah Celebration and Pot Luck under the Stars
Friday, October 17th at 6:30 PM

Services led by Matt Dreffin

Please participate in our rotating food assignment
A through N.....Main Dish
O through Z.....Salad, Side Dish
or Dessert

**Friday, October 24th at 7:00 PM
Simchat Torah Service at Shir Ami
Celebration led by Suzie Stone**

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בְּשִׂמְחַת תּוֹרָה

