

















CONGREGATION SHIR AMI

August 2009

Aug 1 7PM 	Movie for Adults: Waltz With Bashir; Movie for kids: TBD	Sep 7 2-5PM 	Labor Day BBQ/ Raffle
Aug 14 8PM 	Shabbat Services Led by Matt Dreffin	Sep 17 8PM 	Board Meeting
Aug 15 10AM 	Religious Committee meeting.	Sep 18 8PM 	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services
Aug 15 3PM 	Jacob Carmack Bar Mitzvah	Sep 19 10AM 	Rosh Hashanah Services
Aug 20 7PM 	Board Meeting	Sep 27 8 PM 	Kol Nidre Services
Aug 23 2PM 	Sisterhood Field Trip to SFMOMA	Sep 28 10AM 	Yom Kippur Services
Aug 28 8PM 	Shabbat Services Led by Diana Zankowsky		
Aug 30 10AM 	Adult Education - High Holy Day Preparation		

President's Message

Ruth Hartman

Dear Shir Ami members and friends,

I want to start by thanking everyone who, even in these uncertain times, is finding a way to continue to build and support Shir Ami. Over the past few months Board members have approached many of you to ask if you can make an extra financial contribution to help Shir Ami weather this difficult economy. (If you have not been approached but would like to make a contribution, please contact me.) All of you have responded openly, whether or not you were able to give financially. Some have contributed in other ways, such as helping with the July cleanup days or offering to join a volunteer committee.

Together, we are working to secure and sustain an important legacy for ourselves, our children and grandchildren, and our community. I had the pleasure of having lunch with some of our Russian-speaking members recently, and got a chance to hear fragments of their life stories. I was moved and inspired by their vision and courage. I also got to hear from some of our young people about their experiences at Jewish summer camps and traveling in Israel. Their Jewish connections are so critical in helping them navigate a confusing and troubled world.

It's only the beginning of August, but we're already in planning mode for the new year at Shir Ami. At the Religious Committee meeting on August 15, we'll be fine-tuning our schedule for Matt and Suzy's visits, special children's services, holiday celebrations and special events, and the Religious School calendar. We'll also be planning our adult education offerings, looking to build on some significant successes from last year.

The year will start off, as usual, with our Stanley Blackfield Memorial Labor Day Barbeque on Monday, September 7 (see flier). It's a great chance to reconnect with Shir Ami friends, hear about everyone's summer adventures, and *introduce new friends* to the community. The BBQ committee has brought in some exciting new raffle items this year (they are still open to donations if you have a talent or service to offer), and the event will be a lot of fun. My own family is returning home Sunday from a nephew's bar mitzvah in Seattle so as not to miss the BBQ!

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer as much as I am. See you soon!

B'shalom,
Ruth

Adult Education *Diana Zankowsky*

FOR THE GROWN-UPS

Even in the summer, even in August, Congregation Shir Ami has a few gatherings for the grown-ups among us.

MOVIE: On Saturday evening, August 1st, starting at 7 PM, we will celebrate the end of Shabbat with Havdallah and a movie. The movie is "Waltz with Bashir". This is an animated film about memories of the Israeli-Lebanon war from the early 1980s. Definitely adult content, it won many awards both Israeli and international.

HEBREW: 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.

HIGH HOLY DAY PREP: The month of Elul (the last month of the year before Rosh Hashanah) is the time of the year when we begin the self-assessment that comes with the High Holidays. We will meet at Shir Ami on **Sunday, August 30th at 10 AM**, to hear the shofar, have a little nosh and discuss teshuvah (repentance) and getting ready for the holidays.



INTRO TO JUDAISM: Shir Ami has also been offering a class about Judaism for our non-Jewish members and for those who might be interested in conversion. Over the past year, we have gone through the calendar of Jewish holidays and talked about some of the Jewish lifecycle events. When we meet on **Saturday, August 8th at 10:00 AM**, we will be studying some of the liturgy for the High Holy Days. We will also be planning the class for next year (topics, dates, times, etc.). And of course, we will have something to eat and drink. If you are at all interested, please join us! Or write to Diana Zankowsky at dzankowsky@aol.com.

Sisterhood/Rosh Chodesh Group

Jan Dombrower



Sisterhood:

Our end of year Barbeque was a lot of fun. With beautiful weather we barbequed kosher dogs and turkey burgers. There were lots of delicious side dishes and conversation. We brought in the month of Tammuz and shared our intentions for renewal.

We had a very successful Sisterhood year. We started out in October bringing in the month of Cheshvan followed by a field trip to see Fiddler on the Roof. In December, Sisterhood sponsored a very successful Chanukah party with a live band, The BLUESBOTTLE Band, latkas, candle lighting, and sweets. There was dancing and arts and crafts for the kids. There was a full house at Shir Ami and a great time was had by all.

We continued the year bringing in Sh'vat and during the Adar Rosh Chodesh we learned about games in Jewish life and played games ourselves.

Our retreat in Ben Lomand was a wonderful experience. This year for the first time our Rabbinic intern, Suzy Stone, joined us to add a lot to the weekend. The theme was Vision, Voices, and Values. We enjoyed Shabbat, had discussions, sang, studied, and enjoyed skits and arts and crafts.

In March we met to bless the new moon of Nissan with a special pre-Passover program. Everyone brought a Passover dish and recipe to share so we could prepare for the coming Pesach holiday. Then we made Matzoh covers decorating them with appliqué and fabric markers. They were beautiful.

As the month of Iyyar was brought in we met around the campfire, roasting marshmallows at Lake Chabot. This was in celebration of Lag B'Omer. The Month of Sivan we studied the book of Ruth, ate blintzes and cheesecake for Shavout, and learned about the tradition of eating dairy during the holiday.

Please join us next year for another full calendar of Rosh Chodesh and Sisterhood activities. See you then.

Please join Sisterhood for a field trip to the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in SF on Sunday, August 23 at 2PM to see the Georgia O'Keefe (It's a girl thing) and an Ansel Adams exhibit for a summer, month of Elul, Rosh Chodesh. Daughters are welcome. <http://www.sfmoma.org/exhibitions/383>
We will go by BART or carpool to arrive at 2:00pm. We will enjoy the museum, and then share a meal together. Ticket prices are \$15 for non-museum member adults and \$9 for seniors. Please let me know your interest and then you will be contacted for arrangements. Jandom@comcast.net

The Community Page

August, 2009

Yahrzheits:

August 14, 2009

Anna Kurz, mother of Frances Johnson
Fred Rosener, long-time member of Shir Ami
Betty Schulberg, mother of David Schulberg
Moshe Vanous, long-time active member of Shir Ami

August 28, 2009

Shaiva Berenstein, mother of Judy Ganz
Blanche Rose Berman, mother of Daryl Berman
Ben Blank, father of Sam Blank
Martin Brody, grandfather of Noah Markus
Georgie Brooke, mother of Toni Schulberg
Barnett Levine, father of Hillel Levine
Betty Meininger, mother of Ingrid Weinberg
Joan Wolff, mother of Gary Wolff

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

Alyce Nasatir, mother of Cary Nasatir
Jacob Ross, father of David Ross
Doris Greenfield, mother of Julie Greenfield
Jack Skelly, father of Bruce Skelly
Jean Skelly, mother of Bruce Skelly
Bridget Laky, past president and long-time former member of Shir Ami
Zac Cohen, long-time member of Shir Ami
Sheila Arthur, long-time former member of Shir Ami
Lazarus Lewis, father of Peter Lewis

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 Yarzheit@conghshirami.org.



TODAH RABAH FOR THESE GENEROUS DONATIONS:

- From Verla Becker: in Memory of Jerry Becker at his Yarzheit.
- From Rose and Hillie Levine: Congratulations to Shir Ami's confirmation class – Shashana Markus and Hana Hartman; Congratulations to Tyler Dean on graduation from UC Irvine; Mazel Tov to Bruce Carter on becoming a grandpa again; Mazel Tov to Harriet

Skelly on successful hip surgery; and in Memory of Julie Greenfield's mother, Doris Greenfield.

- From Judy Ganz: in Memory of George Berenstein; in Honor of Angie Ross' conversion; and in Honor of Aaron Brown's High School graduation.
- From Florrie Finkle: in Honor of Lauren Randi's High School graduation.
- From Marla and Leland Ball: in Memory of Mary Ball on Mother's Day; on Father's Day, in Memory of their fathers, Matthew Ganz and Green (Lee) Ball.
- From Rahel and Michael Ruiz: in Memory of David Taferi,
- From Ann and Sam Blank: in Memory of Julie Greenfield's mother.
- From Barbara Haber: in Memory of Joseph and Anna Marie Haber.

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 (her address is included on Shir Ami's roster) 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:

June 26th : Marilyn Schneider & Family

July 10th : Toni & David Schulberg

July 31st : Danielle Keil & Family

What's Nu?

- Thanks to the following members and friends of Congregation Shir Ami for the fantastic landscaping and clean up effort on July 19th and 25th : Noah Markus and Lee Carmack (coordinators and inspirers), Bonnie Frey, Judy Ganz, Diana and Fred Zankowsky, Jacob Carmack, Ruth Rosenthal, Art, Nancy and Alena Liskewicz, Milt Palmer, Shashana Markus, Susan Bohan, Amy Markus, Rebecca and Chris (sister and brother-in-law of Amy Markus), Brandon Carr, Rose Firestone, Tonia and David Schulberg. A big thank you to the Ross, Firestone, Skelly and Markus families who generously underwrote the cost of the 20-yard dumpster.
- Todah Rabah to Noah Markus, Danielle Keil and Tonia Schulberg who coordinated and monitored necessary animal control and plumbing repair activities at Shir Ami in July.
- Congratulations to Shir Ami Board member Bonnie Frey for her efforts to get the Hayward Area Recreation District to reopen the Castro Valley Community Center Water Park. As described in a recent Castro Valley Forum article, Bonnie was part of a team from the Castro Valley Mothers' Club who worked with HARD to upgrade the water feature at the park to filter and reuse water.
- Recognition and thanks to Harriet Skelly, who recently completed several years of dedicated service to the Castro Valley High School PTSA, including one year as President. Jeff Blum and Barb Haber are also serving on the CVHS PTSA Board. If you're involved in an elementary or middle-school PTSA, let us know so we can recognize you here too.
- David Schulberg writes: "*While on our yearly trip to the east coast to visit family & friends, Toni & I had a most remarkable experience. We were crossing the street in Newton Massachusetts, about to go into a restaurant when we heard, "Toni, Toni!!". When we turned around we realized it was Rabbi Sharon Gladstone Clevenger. Rabbi Sharon had been our student rabbi from 1999-2001. She has been the associate rabbi at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, MA for the last 5 years. As it was Thursday night, Sharon invited all of us (my sisters, niece, Toni & me) to shabbat services and shabbat dinner at her house. It was a real pleasure to attend the shabbat service she led as well as having shabbat dinner with her, her*

husband Jay and their new daughter. I have included a picture of Sharon & Jay.”



- Many thanks to Inna and Arkady Massen who hosted a very special Shabbat luncheon for the Russian-speaking members of Shir Ami on Saturday, July 25th. Four of our seven Russian-speaking member families were able to attend. Future gatherings are under discussion.
- At Camp Newman/Swig this summer: Leah Hartman (counselor), Sophia Blum (CIT), Adam and Spencer Blum and Sophia and Emma Silver (campers).
- At Camp Kadima this summer: Rachel and Shashana Markus, Matthew Beckman, Danny and Michelle Ross (staff), Michael Blank (camper).
- Hana Hartman spent four weeks touring Israel with Jewish Federation's *Let's Go Israel* trip. She had a great time – ask her about it when you see her!
- Sarah Gilchriese traveled to Germany and other countries in June with her Castro Valley High School German class.
- Stacey Zankowsky spent July in Grahamstown, South Africa studying at Rhodes University and working with the local community. Together they successfully launched an early childhood literacy program called Fundaninathi – The Reading Project.
- In early June, David and Fred Zankowsky completed a 100-mile bicycle ride around Lake Tahoe, America's Most Beautiful Bicycle Ride, and raised over \$3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's fight to cure blood cancers.
- Lori and Bill Santora spent four weeks driving across the country to visit friends in Michigan and family in Ohio this summer. They had a fabulous time on the road and welcome the opportunity to do this kind of trip again!
- Barbara and Stan Heimowitz enjoyed a cruise to Canada and the New England states in July. Barbara's mother and sister joined them!
- SAVE the DATE! Congregation Shir Ami will once again have an informational booth at the Castro Valley Fall Festival, September 12th and 13th, 2009. This is an important membership outreach opportunity for us, and volunteers are needed to staff the booth. Please contact Ruth, at president@congshirami.org.

A message from Cheryl Solomon:

I just wanted to let everyone at Shir Ami know how much we have enjoyed being members the past two years. I was looking forward to getting to know people better, since I've had a slow start in that department. The people who I have gotten to know a bit have all been extremely warm and nice, and made me feel welcome.

In August, we will be moving to San Diego, where I'm from. We have talked about it for the past 8 years, and all of a sudden, Mike was ready, so we have sold our house and are buying one down there. I'm not sure yet which temple we will join, but I know I will miss many things about Shir Ami. Jodi, the Sunday school has given my boys a wonderful, warm, positive introduction into Judaism, and I am grateful for that.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of our brief association with Shir Ami. I hope you will keep in touch.

The Tzedakah Box
A Social Action Column
Daryl Berman, Julie Greenfield, Sara Lamnin

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 school supply list – including the ubiquitous backpacks – gets longer every year. Many families struggle to meet these essential educational needs. Since 2003, the Alameda County Tools 4 School Collaborative (T4S) has provided 10,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to students in need.

What can YOU do to help?

The cost to outfit one child for a school year is \$20. All proceeds raised through the collaborative effort of the T4S go directly to local students and are tax deductible, through our fiscal agent, the Alameda County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

For more information, please contact one of our T4S partners, the South Hayward Family Resource Center, (510) 782-2947 or KNorell@lafamiliacounseling.org. Item donations are welcome or Checks can be made out to: Child Abuse Council/Tools 4 School, 24100 Amador St. Suite 537, Hayward CA. 94544 www.actools4school.org

Have some items to donate? Did you buy one and get one free? Want to help a child in your community? Please bring items in good condition to one of the drop off locations listed below between July 20 and August 20. We especially need college rule and wide rule notebooks and loose-leaf paper, mechanical pencils, glue sticks, pencil bags, and small backpacks.

Drop off locations: July 20 – August 20, 2009

La Familia Family Resource Center – 22366 Fuller Avenue, Hayward CA, 94541
Eden Youth and Family Center – 680 West Tennyson Road Hayward, Ca 94544
Herbal Life Store – 21192 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward CA 94541
Peet's Coffee & Tea – 878 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541
Lincoln Child Center Main Office – 4368 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602
Lincoln Child Center Community Services – 270 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

T4S strives to ease the back to school anxiety for children and families by providing 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. By participating in this effort, businesses can reach potential consumers and reduce clutter. We can also use items with errors. For example, one promotional company donates items with misspellings or outdated information. Every backpack we send out to the community contains a sponsor sheet with the names of all donors and partners.

According to the Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health, 14% of Alameda County children are living below the federal poverty level. In Hayward 55.8% of students qualify for free or reduced lunches and in Oakland 69%.

SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



Shir Ami's Store on CafePress.com

Our latest and greatest fundraiser is our very own store on [CafePress.com](http://www.cafepress.com/CongShirAmi).

Thanks to the talents of Jeff Blum who designed the stained glass panel in our front door, and David Holsey who developed Jeff's design into our new logo, we have items for sale that have the official Congregation Shir Ami logo.

You may have seen a small sample of them at the year-end picnic where the teachers were given their very own Shir Ami mugs. But wait, there's more. If you go online to our store at <http://www.cafepress.com/CongShirAmi> you will find a wide variety of products, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, not to mention cool gift ideas like mugs, travel mugs, note cards, journals, tote bags, and more.

When you purchase an item from our store, 25% of the purchase price goes directly to Shir Ami. Do yourself a favor, and do Shir Ami a favor, by taking a few minutes to go to our online store and start shopping.

Sing! Sing! Sing!

Kol Truah, a Jewish Choir of the East Bay, invites interested and talent singers to join us, as we prepare and perform beautiful Jewish music. Kol Truah is dedicated primarily to the preservation, dissemination, and performance of Jewish music for the benefit, education, and enjoyment of the Jewish community in the Bay Area and the community at large. In addition to our repertoire of music by the great classical and contemporary composers, we have been known to sing some gospel, jazz, and show tunes. In other words, while we sing and learn, we also have great fun! We rehearse at Congregation Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Ave. in Berkeley.

Come join us on **Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 6:30** for auditions and our first rehearsal. Email Marlene Dines, mdsongbird@gmail.com, with any questions.

Used Cell Phones Wanted

Barbara Heimowitz is still collecting used/old cell phones that you leave at Shir Ami to be sent 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.

Shir Ami Labor Day BBQ Raffle and Fundraiser

Thank you to the following donors for their contributions. Please support these donors by shopping at their businesses, when possible!

T- Kanes Karate
Encore (indoor climbing-Rocktopia)
Byington Vineyards and Winery, Los Gatos
Riviera
Iceland
I Fly SF Bay
Happy Hollow Park and Zoo- San Jose
ACT
Sweet Tomatoes
Cal Shakes
Children's Fairyland
Wax Museum
SF Zoo
Pier 39
Castro Village Bowl
Bette's Ocean View Diner
Berkeley Rep
Blackhawk Museum
Winchester Mystery House
Contemporary Jewish Museum
Oakland Zoo
Ripley's Believe it or Not
Book by Rick Steves: Europe through the Back Door
LaMediterranee
Hana Japan
Amici's East Coast Pizzeria
Iron Works climbing and Fitness
Theater Works- Palo Alto
Tri-Valley Repertory Theater (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse)
Wente Vineyards
Handmade Greeting Cards by Harriet Skelly
Barbara Heimowitz: Party Planning Gift certificate
Knitting Lessons by Harriet Skelly

Can you bake? Would you like to donate a dinner for 4 or 6 at your home? Do you have a time share that you'd like to donate? Can you teach something like advanced computer skills, knitting, crocheting, painting, dancing, signing, reading Hebrew or anything else?? Do you work at an interesting place where you could offer a tour?

Think of something you could donate for our fundraiser and get to know other congregants in a different way.

Donations for the Shir Ami Labor Day BBQ raffle and auction are now being accepted. If you have a service or new item which you wish to donate, please contact Barbara Heimowitz.

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Have you been hesitant at signing up to host an Oneg or a Rabbinic intern for a weekend because you didn't know what it entailed? Do you think you know what these activities entail but want a refresher? Then read on....

In anticipation of the new year starting we have reviewed and documented the responsibilities of hosting an oneg, hosting an oneg when there is a potluck and hosting the Rabbinic interns. This documentation is included here for you to review now so you know what each activity entails. David Schulberg and Sharon Golebo will be asking for you to sign up for specific dates for these activities. These instructions will also be emailed to you about a week before the date you signed up to host an oneg or a Rabbinic intern.

Instructions for Hosting an Oneg

This is a regular Shabbat service starting at 8 pm. Please plan to arrive by 7:45 for setup.

You will need to bring:

Challah, grape juice, sweet wine, and an assortment of dessert items (fruit, baked goods, cheese and crackers, etc.). For a regular Friday night service, expect 15 to 25 people. For a special event or holiday service, expect as many as 40-60 people.

The temple provides paper goods, small cups for Kiddush, coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, etc. If paper supplies in the cabinet are low, check the bathtub for additional supplies. If you notice supplies getting very low, write what is missing or needed on the list located in the cabinet where the oneg supplies are kept so that we can replenish it on our next shopping trip.

In an effort to *Go Green*, we are trying to use less plastic and more of our silverware. This makes cleanup a little more time consuming but helps Mother Earth! The silverware is located in the drawers under the counter. Reusable plates and cups are also available. They are located in the tall narrow cupboard on the right in the very back of the sanctuary/library. If you choose to use these, please wash, dry, and replace them at the end of the evening, or load them in the dishwasher and turn it on before you leave.

Place a Kiddush cup with wine (for the Rabbi) on the buffet table with the covered Challah. Prepare trays of grape juice and wine in the small cups to distribute for Kiddush.

If necessary, set up chairs for services. Put Shabbat candles in candlesticks and smaller candles in the menorah. (The candles are stored in the low cupboard to the right as you face the bimah.)

At the end of the evening, sweep the kitchen floors. We now have recycling service at Shir Ami! So collect recyclables separately during the evening. Take out all trash and recycling (cans are to your right as you go out the front door) and place fresh liners in the waste baskets (these are in the tall utility closet next to the dishwasher). Place the lit Shabbat candlesticks in the sink for fire safety. Check to be sure that the stove and oven are off. Turn off all lights in the building and double-check that all doors are locked.

Feel free to ask others to help you with both setup and cleanup. Most congregants are happy to lend a hand, and the job can be quite enjoyable when done with friends!

Your generosity and participation add spirit to our community and are greatly appreciated!
Sharon Golebo

Instructions for Hosting an Oneg with a Potluck

This is a Pot Luck Shabbat dinner starting at 6:30, followed by services at 8 pm. Please plan to arrive by 6:15 for setup.

You will need to bring:

Challah, grape juice, sweet wine, and an assortment of dessert items (fruit is great). For a regular Friday night service, expect 15 to 25 people. For a special event or holiday service, expect as many as 40-60 people.

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Set up tables and chairs in the sanctuary for the expected number of attendees. Tablecloths are in a marked drawer under the kitchen counter. Place a Kiddush cup with wine (for the Rabbi) on the buffet table with the covered Challah. Prepare trays of grape juice and wine in the small cups to distribute for Kiddush. As people arrive with their pot luck contributions, make sure each dish has a serving spoon and help set them out on the table.

Around 7:45, as people are finishing eating, recruit some helpers to break down the tables and set up chairs for services. Someone (not necessarily you) should take the tablecloths home, wash them, and return them by the next Shabbat service. Put Shabbat candles in candlesticks and smaller candles in the menorah. (The candles are stored in the low cupboard to the right as you face the bimah.) Clean up the main courses, but leave the desserts out for people to nosh on after the services. We do not have a separate oneg after services on a potluck night.

At the end of the evening, sweep the kitchen floors. We now have recycling service at Shir Ami! So collect recyclables separately during the evening. Take out all trash and recycling (cans are to your right as you go out the front door) and place fresh liners in the waste baskets (these are in the tall utility closet next to the dishwasher). Place the lit Shabbat candlesticks in the sink for fire safety. Check to be sure that the stove and oven are off. Turn off all lights in the building and double-check that all doors are locked.

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Shir Ami Rabbinic Intern Hosting Responsibilities

Friday

- Pick intern up from airport and take him/her to the Quality Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn Express) 2532 Castro Valley Blvd., CV.
- Provide a Shabbat dinner (either at your home, at a restaurant or pot luck if one is scheduled)
- Bring intern to Shir Ami for Friday night Services [arrive at least 15 minutes before service time]
- Attend services. Optional: light and bless Shabbat candles at start of service.
- Drive intern to hotel after services

Saturday – subject to discussion depending on intern's needs

- Provide transportation if needed to Shir Ami Saturday morning (sometimes there is B'nai mitzvah tutoring)
- Provide lunch
- Provide transportation for adult education (could be late afternoon or evening)
- Provide dinner and transportation back to the hotel

Sunday

- Provide transportation to Shir Ami for Hebrew School (should arrive at Shir Ami by 9AM)
- Provide transportation to the airport after Sunday School (pick up intern at 12:45 pm)

LABOR DAY BBQ

**AT CONGREGATION SHIR AMI!
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 FROM 2 TO 5 PM**

COSTS

**ADULTS \$15.00; CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$6.00
OR, IF PREPAID BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2009,
ADULTS \$12.00; CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$5.00**

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ~ NO CHARGE

**AN EVITE WILL FOLLOW TO CONGREGANTS
AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

Congregation Shir Ami

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August 1, 2009

Dear Friends:

You are undoubtedly aware of our upcoming High Holiday Services on September 18th & 19th and September 27th & 28th. This year, we look forward to our returning student Rabbis from Hebrew Union College: Suzy Stone and Matt Dreffin, both 3rd 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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Come Join Us for the
High Holidays at
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4529 Malabar Avenue
September 18th – 19th
September 27th – 28th
5770



Rosh Hashanah Services:

- Evening
- Morning
- Children's
- Tashlich

Yom Kippur Services:

- Kol Nidre
- Morning
- Children's
- Yizkor
- Concluding



Come Break Your Fast with Us

For High Holiday tickets
call David Schulberg (510) 276 6100
or religion@congshirami.org

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