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September, 2009

Sep 7 2-5PM 	Labor Day BBQ/Raffle	Oct 3 3:30 PM 	Adult Education Led by Suzy Stone
Sep 13 	School	Oct 4 	School
Sep 18 8PM 	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	Oct 9 7PM 	Simchat Torah Service led by Matt Dreffin
Sep 19 10AM 	Rosh Hashanah Services	Oct 10 7PM 	Havdalah & Movie Night
Sep 20 	School	Oct 11 	School
Sep 26 10AM 	Adult Education Led by Diana Zanowsky	Oct 15 7PM 	Board Meeting
Sep 27 8PM 	Kol Nidre Services	Oct 23 8PM 	Shabbat Services led by Suzy Stone
Sep 29 10AM 	Yom Kippur Services	Oct 24 3:30PM 	Adult Education Led by Suzy Stone
Oct 2 6:30 PM 	Sukkot Potluck Dinner and Services under the Sukkah led by Suzy Stone	Oct 25 	School

President's Message

Ruth Hartman

Dear Shir Ami members and friends,

Every Jew has a story. On a Sunday morning in July, six Shir Ami members got together to discuss Geraldine Brooks' *People of the Book*. The novel tells the fictionalized story of the Sarajevo Haggadah, which survived a mysterious and often dangerous journey from 15th century Spain to our times.

As a people, we Jews have survived an even longer and more perilous journey through history. Along the way we have been enriched by the wisdom of many sages, by the cultures of many countries, and by the contributions of many who have joined our community and our faith. Each of us carries within us the stories of our ancestors as well as the personal story that brings us to Congregation Shir Ami.

We come together for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and we contemplate where we stand in the great flow of Jewish history, as well as in the story of our own lives and our own spiritual journeys. We ask for personal insight and forgiveness and for peace for our people and all peoples. We remember those who have gone before us and we pray for those who are coming behind us. We wonder what will be written for us in the Book of Life in the coming year.

I love hearing people's stories. Some of the most memorable moments at Shir Ami happen when one of us stands up at the bimah and shares a personal story from the heart, whether the speaker is a congregant lighting a candle on our menorah, a bar or bat mitzvah, a Confirmation student, a Rabbinic intern, a newly welcomed Jew by choice, a lay service leader, or a Holocaust survivor.

I like being part of a community that is small and intimate enough for us to know something of each other's stories. Of course, there's always more we can do to share ourselves and show our caring for each other. But every time I enter the building at Shir Ami or attend a Rosh Hodesh meeting, I notice how much I like someone, or learn something new about someone, or find myself inspired by someone.

I know that whatever 5770 brings, there are people I care about at Shir Ami, and people who care about me and my family. Together we are writing the next chapter in the life of our Jewish community. And that's a good feeling.

Shanah tovah!
Ruth

Rabbis' Corner
Matt Dreffin
Suzy Stone

The summer months on the calendar have whizzed by, bringing us once again to the month of *Elul*. A month punctuated by contemplation and deep introspection. Every day, we sound the *Shofar* at our morning services. The loud blast of the ram's horn is meant to be a shock to our inner beings. It calls us to take a *cheshbon nefesh*, literally a "soul check." At the end of the month we will celebrate *Rosh Hashanah* – the Jewish New Year.

Much like the secular year, we often look at our lives and resolve to change them. Rabbi Suzy and I sat down together to review just how we could improve our performances in order to better serve the *nefesh* of Congregation Shir Ami. We are more committed than ever to ensuring that this year will be a rewarding one... one that is filled with joy, hope and passion. In keeping with this attitude we have looked at (and planned) a High Holiday service schedule that we believe will be more accessible and meaningful to everyone/

In particular, we will be making a change to the layout of the *Yizkor Service* on *Yom Kippur* afternoon. Rather than strictly following the "script" that is in our High Holiday Prayer Books, we will be bringing alternative readings and an altered layout to this Service of Remembrance. Our hope is that by setting an atmosphere specifically designed for a *Yizkor Service* at Shir Ami, we will set it apart from the rest of the services throughout the day of *Yom Kippur*. We will still be remembering aloud the names of our loved ones, as well as reciting prayers that are integral to any *Yizkor* service. We hope you will find it to be a meaningful and moving experience.

Looking forward to seeing you soon with open hearts and open minds.
L'Shana Tova... to a good year!

- Rabbi Matt

We'd like to hear from you

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Los Angeles is the graduate school that our student rabbis attend. The school, in the interests of helping our students learn and grow while at their student pulpits, has asked us to provide regular, written feedback to the students and their advisors. That means that they want to hear from us after EVERY visit by each of the student rabbis. Diana Zankowsky has taken on the job of Lay Advisor and she will collect and convey that feedback. Please communicate both positive and corrective feedback to Diana, (at dzankowsky@aol.com) no later than Tuesday after a rabbi's visit. Thank you in advance for contributing to our student rabbis' educations.



September 7th Labor Day Barbeque 2 p.m.
September 13th First Day of Hebrew and Religious School
September 20th Hebrew and Religious School Meets
September 27th No School Erev Yom Kippur

Welcome back Shir Ami families to another year rich with fun and learning about both ancient and modern practices of being Jewish. I am happy to report that our entire teaching staff is returning along with both Rabbinic Interns Matt and Suzy. I am also happy to officially report that Barb Haber has joined me as religious school co-administrator. Barb and I have been working together this summer on planning for the school and it is really true when they say that two heads are better than one! Judy Brackin has graciously agreed to coordinate our Religious School Oneg schedule this year so please sign up joyfully when she asks you. We will be asking all families to fill out the registration paperwork again this year. Eventually, we will streamline this procedure with online registration and a database, but at this point we are still doing it the old fashioned way. If you have technical skills in this area and want to help, please let us know. The major change to the school schedule for this year is that the Pre-K – Kindergarten class will be combined this year will meet every time the school is in session. Here is the schedule for the 2009-2010 school year:

SHIR AMI 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Hebrew 9:15 ** Song Time 10:30 ** Close 12:45

September 13, 20	October 4, 11, 25
November 1, 8, 22	December 6, 13, 20
January 10, 17, 31	February 14, 28
March 7, 14, 28	April 4, 18, 25
	May 2, 16, 23

Simchat Torah @ 7pm 10/9 ** Children's Services @ 6pm 11/6 & 2/12 **
B'Nai Mitzvah Student Service @ 8 pm 11/20** Purim Spiel K-5 @ 7pm 2/26

Looking forward to seeing you,

Jodi

Adult Education

Diana Zankowsky

In 5770, Congregation Shir Ami will have several different adult education offerings.

We will be expanding our on-going monthly class for adults interested in conversion. We are now welcoming any member of our community interested in learning more about Judaism. We will continue to meet on Saturdays. Our next meeting will be on September 26 from 10 am to noon. At this class, we will look at the Yom Kippur services in more detail and we will begin to talk about the 3 major festivals. Contact Diana Zankowsky, dzankowsky@aol.com for more information.

In 1985 Tina Turner famously penned the song "What's Love Got to Do With It?" Now that it is 2009, the question remains: "What does *GOD* have to do with it?" In this year's adult education class, Rabbi Suzy Stone and the class will be exploring this exact topic as it relates to Jewish perspectives on life, death, and the afterlife. The class will begin with a look at different theories about God in order to create one's own personal theology, which will be revisited again at the end of the year. After this introduction to Jewish theology, we will begin to examine different views of the afterlife according to the Torah, the rabbis, and the Kabbalah. During the second half of the year we will focus on modern day medical ethics as they relate to issues of both life and death. For instance, what does Judaism say about organ donation and fertility issues? How can Jewish tradition guide me in caring for my parents? What am I morally bound to do in end of life situations? How far must we go in order to save someone's life? This class is geared for an introductory level conversation, but all knowledge levels are welcome!



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.

Shir Ami is very pleased that after the High Holidays, we will restart our monthly "Havdallah and Movie." Rabbi Matt plans to bring another diverse selection of movies that will provide windows into the complexities of Israeli society. Some films will return to themes we have already explored (e.g., the Army) as well as some new themes and new formats (a documentary or two). It promises to be an engaging experience. The list of films below is tentative and is subject to change due to availability. See you there!

Sweet Mud (2006)
To Take a Wife (2004)
Life according to Agfa (1992)
Year Zero (2004)
Time of Favor (2000)
James's Travel's in the Holy Land (2003)
Under the Domim Tree (1995)
3 Mothers (2006)
Checkpoints (2003)
The Trojan Horse: Israel and the War of Images

Sisterhood/Rosh Chodesh Group

Jan Dombrower



Sisterhood:

Last month's sisterhood's summer event was a big success. We went to the Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco where we saw the Ansel Adams and Georgia O'Keeffe exhibits. We were also lucky enough to be able to see Richard Avedon's portraits being shown at that time. Several Sisterhood members as well as women from the community joined us.

After enjoying the art and photographs, we met up at the Cafe Museo for an early supper. We had a great time talking, laughing, eating, and sharing.

Next month we begin our year of Rosh Chodesh. The term "Rosh" means "head," and "Chodesh" means "month." Each month we celebrate the beginning of the month as we women come together with a program and review of the month's significance and events.

Next month the new moon will appear on September 18th and the new month of Tishrei will be ushered in. This new moon comes on Rosh Hashanah as it does each year, so we will not be gathering at that time.

The next new month begins on Monday, October 19th. Details of our meeting date and time will be sent by email.

The Community Page

September, 2009

Yahrzeits:

September 18 & 19, 2009 (Rosh Hashanah)

Maurice Aronowitz, father of Rose Levine
Maurice Finkle, husband of Florence Finkle and former president of Shir Ami
Abraham Wolf, father of Ann Blank

September 27 & 28, 2009 (Yom Kippur)

Gertrude Kramer, mother of Marion Kramer

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

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 Yahrzeits@congshirami.org.

TODAH RABAH FOR THESE GENEROUS DONATIONS:

- From Judy Ganz: in Memory of her mother, Shaiva Berenstein at her Yahrzeit.
- From Ingrid Weinberg: in Memory of her mother, Betty Meininger at her Yahrzeit.

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:

August 14th: Carmack/Rosenthal Family

What's Nu?

- Congregation Shir Ami welcomes new members Jane Steele and her daughter Hadasah, age 3. They live in Oakland and their contact info will be added to our membership roster.
- Mazal tov to the Carmack/Rosenthal family on Jacob becoming a bar mitzvah on August 15.
- Best wishes to Fran Johnson, who is recuperating in the Sacramento area after a recent stroke.

A Poem from member Todd Finlay:

[Shir Ami Means Song of My People](#)

*Shir Ami is the shul I go to
an old converted house
a place of witness
last night
like other nights
a place where our
disparate
desperate
lives
are transformed
into an ark
transported by song
a bottomless
floating boat
across the Reed Sea
to fetch
scriptures
to find freedom
to find the infinite
a land of milk and honey
singing songs of freedom
is what gets us there
the realization that we
were
are*

*slaves in Egypt
we are the ark
the other side
the other
even the Palestinians
we are freedom
and we don't even
need
a boat
we are already
there
and yet
and then
the weekly struggle
life in samsara
until we recognize
again
samsara
this sea of bitterness
is also
this place of freedom
this little song of freedom
as Bob Marley said
its all I ever had
Shir Ami*

A Response to Todd's Poem from member Hillie Levine:

Hi Todd, the poem is very meaningful to me, and deep in a way that others may never know — on an emotional (let's not call it spiritual) level and on a practical level. The latter is mundane, but dominant in my recollection. During the Service today, for no reason that I can think of, I stared at the ceiling in the main auditorium. I thought to myself that the right side tiles are better-aligned than the left, but far from perfect. Not surprising, I mused, I learned by installing the front room's ceiling, done poorly, by hours and days of hard work. But I learned imperfectly. Then, looking at the wall panels, I recalled that the redwood studs were so old and dry, we couldn't drive in the supporting nails for the panels without drilling a tiny hole first. And the old nails we managed to remove from the studs were of the square, not round, variety. Finally, I recalled Shep Artel from Beth Sholom who walked in when the walls, floors and ceilings were torn apart and who, at the time, commented that we'd never get it back together. I asked him why he said that. He replied because Jews are no good at manual labor.

Today I watched Jacob chant from the Torah and recalled so many others, over the years, children at school, Services, friends and the emotional aspect took over. Also the fear, fear as I remembered the late Hy Wolch, who worked with me, and who was on an aluminum ladder which touched a live wire — I heard his scream and caught him as we both fell to the floor.

I focused on all this again, and more, as I read your meaningful beautiful poem.

Thank you for it,

Hillie

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

This year, as every year during the High Holy Days at Congregation Shir Ami, we will be sponsoring a food drive, in cooperation with the Alameda County Community Food Bank. We remember the words of Isaiah, "Is this not the fast I have chosen? ...to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?" -- Isaiah 58:7-8

We will have grocery bags ready during the Rosh Hashanah services, to be returned on Yom Kippur day, filled, hopefully with the following foods:

Canned vegetables and fruits
Healthy snacks (granola bars, raisins, pretzels)
Canned meat and fish
Rice and Beans
Pasta
Breakfast cereals (low sugar)
Tomato sauce
Dry milk and fortified soy milk
Peanut butter

Financial contributions are also welcomed. For every dollar donated, the Food Bank distributes \$7 worth of food. Make your check out to:
ACCFB and mail to:
7900 Edgewater Dr.
Oakland, CA 94621
Att'n: Food Drive

or you can donate online at: www.accfb.org

Thanks for your always generous support!

SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



Texas Holdem!

Save the date, **Saturday, October 24, 2009, 6:30pm-10:30pm** at Congregation Shir Ami. Doors open at 6:30pm and play begins at 7:00pm sharp. Cost is \$40 before 10/10/09, and \$50 at the door. Please RSVP to Noah, at 510-774-1438

Come join us -- everyone has a lot of fun at this event! Beginners are welcome and we'll teach you how to play. Of course it is not gambling -- it is a tournament of skill and luck, with the opportunity to win donated prizes based on your success in the tournament.

In other words, the more you win at the games, the more raffle tickets you'll have to compete for the prizes! You can also purchase raffle tickets! It is a very fun, and very exciting evening! Tickets include \$1000 in chips, a drink coupon, plus great food & Raffle Prizes. The event is one you don't want to miss!

Castro Valley Fall Festival

Congregation Shir Ami will once again have a booth at the September 12-13 Fall Festival in Castro Valley. Volunteers are needed to work the table for 2-hour shifts on both Saturday and Sunday. It's a lot of fun to talk to people about Sghir Ami. If you can help, please write to Ruth Hartman, president@congshirami.org. And please stop and say "Hi" when you're at the Festival!

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.

Lost and Found Item

A simple, silver Star of David necklace was found at Jacob Carmack's bar mtizvah. If you lost this item or know who did, please email lee.carmack@sbcglobal.net.

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!

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Encore (indoor climbing-Rocktopia)
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ACT
Sweet Tomatoes
Cal Shakes
Cal Performances
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 101 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
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Shir Ami Logo items donated by Bruce and Harriet Skelly
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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 Golembo 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 Golembo

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

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San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2506

Enclosed is a check for ____ tickets @ \$ _____ for

Name: _____

Address: _____

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High Holidays at Shir Ami, 2009, 5769-5770



Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18, Evening Service.....8:00 PM
Saturday, September 19, Morning Service.....10:00 AM
Children's Service, September 19.....2:00 PM
Tashlich.....3:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27, Kol Nidre Service.....8:00 PM
Monday, September 28, Morning Service.....10:00 AM
Children's Service, September 28.....1:30 PM
****Study of the Story of Jonah.....1:15~1:30 PM**
Discussion in the garden, September 28.....2:00 PM
Yizkor and Concluding Service, September 28.....3:30 PM
Break the Fast.....5:30 PM