
























CONGREGATION SHIR AMI

March, 2010

Mar 5-7	Women's Retreat	Apr 2 8:00 PM	Shabbat Services led by Matt Dreffin
Mar 7	School		
		Apr 3 5:00 PM	Community Seder led by Matt Dreffin. See flier for details.
Mar 7 10:45 AM	Mens Club - Breakfast at Doug's Place in Castro Valley	Apr 4	School
Mar 12 8:00 PM	Shabbat Services led by Matt Dreffin		
		Apr 14 7:30 PM	Rosh Chodesh
Mar 13 3:00 PM	Leading Worship Workshop led by Matt Dreffin		
		Apr 16 8:00 PM	Shabbat Services led by Matt Dreffin
Mar 13 7:00 PM	Havdalah & Movie Night		
		Apr 17 7:00 PM	Havdalah & Movie Night
Mar 14	School		
		Apr 15 7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Mar 16 7:30 PM	Rosh Chodesh		
		Apr 18	School
Mar 18 7:00 PM	Board Meeting		
		Apr 23 8:00 PM	Shabbat Services led by Suzy Stone
Mar 20 1:00 PM	Adult Ed led by Diana Zankowsky		
		Apr 24 3:00 PM	Adult Ed led by Suzy Stone
Mar 26 6:30 PM	Potluck		
	Shabbat Services led by Suzy Stone	Apr 25	School
8:00 PM			
Mar 27 3PM	Adult Ed led by Suzy Stone		
			
Mar 28	School Passover Seder		
			

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President's Message
Ruth Hartman

Dear Shir Ami members and friends,

In case you didn't get a chance to read the email we sent to our members in mid-February, I am using my column this month to talk about our school merger plan. I apologize to those of you for whom this is now "old news." But I want to be sure that everyone knows what is happening and why.

We are engaged in discussions with Temple Beth Sholom (TBS) in San Leandro about merging the Religious School programs of our two congregations. We believe that this proposal will bring many benefits to the youth and families of both congregations.

Jodi Blum has been our Religious School director for nearly four years, this year in partnership with Barb Haber. Both of these wonderful women have done an outstanding job, and both have said that this is their last year running the school. We have no internal candidates, and when we looked at the prospect of hiring an outside Director for our very small school program, and all that would involve, we considered the fact that just a few miles away there is another small Religious School with a very similar approach to Jewish education.

The TBS Torah School is led by Rinat Manhoff, a very able, experienced, and creative Jewish educator whom many of us admire and respect a great deal. Rinat is a middle-school teacher who has also been the director of Camp Kadima for the past several years, as well as teaching at Oakland Midrasha. By combining our schools, we could benefit from the leadership of this trusted educator, preserve the best parts of our small-school culture, provide our children with an expanded peer group, strengthen our curriculum and support for our teachers, and establish a positive, collaborative working relationship with our neighbors at TBS.

The leadership of TBS is very enthusiastic about the idea of combining our schools. The Shir Ami Board developed a list of concerns, including maintaining our joyful and loving "camp-like"

school culture, continuing to meet at Shir Ami at least some of the time, a clear leadership role for our Rabbinic Interns, continued leadership opportunities for our teens, and a Reform-friendly curriculum.

Jodi and Barb held an initial meeting with Rinat and Rabbi Harry Manhoff on January 31. They discussed all the issues on our list, and many other topics. It was clear that there is much more to discuss and figure out, but there were no major disagreements or “show-stoppers.” Subsequent informal contacts have continued to be positive and collaborative.

Our two school communities share many common interests and challenges, especially the challenge of providing a peer group for our children at each grade level. We believe that each community has strengths that will complement the other, and that bringing our students together into stronger age cohorts will benefit everyone.

We are now forming a small committee of interested parents, teachers, and community members from Shir Ami and TBS to help craft and execute the consolidation plan and be involved in the school going forward. Jodi and Rinat will lead the committee, with a first meeting in mid-March. Assuming that all goes well, and we believe it will, the combined school program will begin in September, 2010.

This is a significant change for Congregation Shir Ami, but we strongly believe that it is in the best interest of our youth and our Jewish community. The following people are available to listen to your ideas and concerns and to discuss the plans with you: myself, Barb Haber, Jodi Blum, Bonnie Frey, Harriet Skelly, Diana Zankowsky, and Rabbi Matt Dreffin. We are available by phone or email, or to meet over a cup of coffee.

B'shalom,
Ruth

president@congshirami.org

Rabbis' Corner

Matt Dreffin
Suzy Stone

Let's play a game. I'll name a Jewish holiday and you guess whether we are supposed to fast or feast. We'll start easy.

Yom Kippur...	...	...	A fasting holiday, of course.
Rosh Hashanah?	...	...	Feast.
Sukkot?	...	...	Feast again.
Simchat Torah?	...	...	Keep on feasting.
The 9 th of Av?	...	...	Fast.
Purim?	...	...	Feast.
Passover?	...	...	... Both.

While the act of fasting and feasting seem very different, they both serve the same end. Setting aside a specific meal, or lack thereof, helps us to differentiate from the *chol* and the *kadosh*, the profane and the holy. Even though we use markers such as candles and prayers, the significance of food grabs us in a completely different way. Unlike the visual and auditory senses, which help us perceive the sanctity of the day, the use of food we feel from our insides. We taste the deliciousness of Shabbat or we feel the pain in our gut when fasting on the Day of Atonement. By associating our holidays with fasting or feasting, we bring their essence to the core of our being.

Notice from our chart that Passover is unique. While we abstain from eating particular foods, we also celebrate our liberation from bondage with a festive meal. In the month of *Nisan* we find ourselves dually fasting and feasting. *Nisan* is of course, our month of redemption, where we experience the trials and tribulations of slavery and end in freedom and revelation. Furthermore, from the very start of the month, we search for *chametz*, trying to eliminate it from our households, allowing ourselves a clean and pure Passover.

As we transfer from the happiness of the month of Adar, and begin to contemplate our lives in our month of redemption, I invite you to take some time and contemplate how you can integrate the process of eating holy into your weekly (or even daily) tradition. Begin your process of searching for the metaphorical *chametz* in your lives. Below you will find some resources for holier living. Nothing is stopping us from making more than just the holidays *z'manim k'doshim*, holy times. This can be accomplished in our daily lives.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Matt

Hazon, www.hazon.org
KOLFoods, www.kolfoods.com

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.

School News

Here we are at the beginning of another month! This year is just flying by. The Purim Carnival was a great party – we are glad you were able to be there.

March classes meet on the 7th to study about [Wandering in the desert](#) and the 14th to study the idea of [Judges as super heroes](#). I can only wonder what our teachers will be doing with this idea! On March 28 we are joining our new friends at Temple Israel for a Passover Seder at their Temple in Alameda. Look for more information about carpooling and times soon. The staff at Temple Israel is working on a special theme that will be funny and musical. Also look for information about the joint Tzedakah project with Beth Sholom coming this month. This will be a fun family event for everyone.

If you have not yet done so, Summer Camp registration season is upon us. There are any number of good choices for sleep away and day camp. Shir Ami is a co sponsor for Camp Kadima, a day camp serving the Tri-Valley area. If you are not familiar with Camp Kadima check it out at www.campkadima.org. [Many](#) of our young people have attended Camp Kadima and now work there. Your child will see plenty of familiar faces. Sleep away camp is a special part of youth. We are indeed fortunate to have two excellent choices within reach: Camp Newman is in Santa Rosa - information is available at www.campnewmanswig.org, and Camp Tawonga is near Yosemite National Park – information at www.tawonga.org/. Financial aid is available at each camp for families in need. It is worth the effort of choosing the camp and filling out all the forms to provide your child with this special Jewish experience. Please talk to Jodi or Barb about camp if you have questions.

Hope your running shoes are on tight, because this will be another busy month. See you around the school!

Barbara Jorgia Haber

Adult Education

In March 2010, Congregation Shir Ami will have several different adult education offerings.

Introduction to Judaism: We have expanded 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 March 20th from 1 pm to 3 pm. At this class, we will continue to look at our liturgy in the Mishkan T'fillah, specifically the sections on the different readings for the different holidays and we will look ahead to Passover. So bring those questions about practices and the Haggadah. Contact Diana Zankowsky, dzankowsky@aol.com for more information.

Leading Jewish Worship: Ever wondered how a rabbi or lay leader plans a service? Ever imagined leading one yourself? This special class is open to anyone with even a glimmer of an idea of someday leading a Jewish worship service. Led by Rabbi Matt, Saturday, March 13, 3 pm at Shir Ami.

“What does GOD have to do with it? Jewish Perspectives on Life, Death and the Afterlife” Rabbi Suzy Stone's next class will meet on April 16th from 3pm to 5pm, concluding with Havdalah. The topic will be Jewish views on medical ethics in life. This is

the first part of a two-part series, concluding with Jewish views on medical ethics in death.



Adult 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.

Movies: Saturday, March 13, Congregation Shir Ami Israeli Movie Night brings to you *Shnat Efes* (“Year Zero”). This film received 7 nominations at the Israeli Academy Awards in 2004. This film follows the lives of multiple characters who are interconnected with each other, even though they may not realize it. Breaking away from some of the previous topics we have explored, *Shnat Efes* seeks to explore the predicaments and distresses of all people from all levels of society. Poignant stories will be shared along with many witticisms and humorous view points of view. The movie will be preceded by Havdalah at 7pm. See you there.

Rosh Chodesh Group

Jan Dombrower



Sisterhood:

Last month's Rosh Chodesh was a fabulous event made up of Sisterhoods from Shir Ami, Beth Shalom, Beth Torah, and the community. Sharon Golebo, our host, transformed her home into a replica of Shushan! We were surrounded by beautiful Persian hangings and rugs on the wall. There were interesting Persian artifacts surrounding the rooms as well.

Upon coming into the transformed city of Shushan, we saw women making Hamantaschen using several different fillings. In another room, women were participating in mask making. You could hear women chatting, laughing, and visiting. It was great seeing faces from other sisterhoods, getting to know new women, and reconnecting with each other.

We delighted in a delicious Persian dinner made solely by Sharon. The lentil soup was a big favorite. The program about the month of Adar was fitting. Since Adar is the month that promotes joy, we each shared what brings joy to our lives. We heard about the story of Esther and Purim, and exchanged information about this time in history. Afterwards, we indulged in the freshly baked Hamantaschen. They were delicious. All in all, everyone had a wonderful time and were impressed with the effort that went into the night. Thank you Sharon!!

Next month we will bring in the month of Nisan. We will meet on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 at the home of Jan Dombrower in Pleasanton. Since it is the month of Passover, we will put together fresh flower arrangements to take home as our spring awakening begins. All the makings of the arrangements will be available including baskets, fresh flowers, floral foam, and decorations. At the end of the evening you will be able to take your arrangement with you. We will have Rosh Chodesh rituals and readings for the new month.

We will also partake in Passover desserts. Please bring a kosher for Passover dessert to share (recipes can be included) You can bring cookies, cakes, tortes, candies, pies etc.

Here is a website for some ideas:

> <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Passover-Chocolate-Torte/Detail.aspx>

Look for an email as the date gets closer with directions and a reminder.

Hope to see you all there.

The Community Page

March, 2010

Yahrzheits:

March 12, 2010

Esther Carter, mother of Bruce Carter

Clara Finlay, mother of Todd Finlay

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

Dalton Gautreaux, uncle of Toni Schulberg, (pronounced "GO -TRO")

Elsie Maas, grandmother of Toni Schulberg

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

Jean Skelly, mother of Bruce Skelly

Stella Small, grandmother of Toni Schulberg

Edna Vanous, long time member of Shir Ami

Matthew Zankowsky, father of Fred Zankowsky

March 26, 2010

Blanche Fink, very active early member of Shir Ami

James Finlay, father of Todd Finlay

Sam Ganz, father-in-law of Judy Ganz, and a former member of Shir Ami

Ruth Zelezny, grandmother of Julie Greenfield

Kaddish List (those who have died during the past 11 months){Please read at both services in March}

Ita Klebanova, mother of Sofiya Blank

Clara Schneider, mother of Marilyn Schneider

Sharon Lawrence, aunt of Kaitlin and Matt Beckman (Barbara Haber's ex-sister-in-law)

Jack Farbstein, uncle of Ruth Rosenthal

Sarah Leona Markus, grandmother of Noah Markus

David Sapper, father of Danielle Keil

Alyce Nasatir, mother of Cary Nasatir

Jacob Ross, father of David Ross

Doris Greenfield, mother of Julie Greenfield

Jack Skelly, father of Bruce Skelly

May their memory be a blessing...

If you are a member of Congregation 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@congshirami.org.

TODAH RABAH FOR THESE GENEROUS DONATIONS:

- Ann and Sam Blank for their donation to the Rolf Weinberg Education fund in memory of Rolf on the occasion of his yahrzeit.
- Florrie Finkle in memory of her mother, Tessie Bressler, on the occasion of her yahrzeit.
- Irena and Alex Druker for their yahrzeit donation.
- Ingrid Weinberg in honor of Ann and Sam Blank's 65th wedding anniversary.
- Fran Johnson in memory of her husband, Melvin Johnson, on his 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 February Oneg Hosts:

- Rose Firestone and Julie Greenfield
- Bonnie Frey and Angie Ross

Thank you to our February Rabbinic Intern Hosts:

- Rose and Bill Firestone
- Bonnie Frey and Mickey Lange

What's Nu?

Get well wishes to our rabbinic intern Suzy Stone! Sorry to hear of her illness, and hope to see her back at Shir Ami very soon!!!

Congratulations to **Ann and Sam Blank** on celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary!!!

Also congratulations to **Rose and Hillie Levine** on recently celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary!

Fred Zankowsky traveled to Montana to celebrate his mother, Doris', 80th birthday with her.

Welcome home to Toni and David Schulberg, who have been on the Big Island of Hawaii since mid-December. We are glad to have them back with us!

The Community at Shir Ami donated \$150 collected during services to the Haitian relief fund through the Union of Reform Judaism's fund.

Thanks to **Diana Zankowsky** for leading services on short notice on 2/12, and to **Ruth Hartman** for her stimulating drash/discussion. Also thanks to everyone who brought delicious dishes to the potluck that night. A sample of the great fare is **Barb Haber's** great tomato soup recipe below:

Creamy Tomato Soup (From RelishMag. com)
2 Tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 carrot, peeled and chopped
1 bay leaf

1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
2-3 Tablespoons brown sugar
pinch of ground cloves
3 cups vegetable broth
2-28 cans crushed tomatoes
½ teaspoon salt
coarsely ground black pepper
½ cup half and half

Heat olive oil in large pan. Add onion, carrot and bay leaf. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until all are soft (about 5 minutes).
Add brown sugar and cloves; stir until vegetables are well coated.
Add broth and tomatoes. Bring to a simmer. Cover; reduce heat and cook 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Remove bay leaf. Working in small batches, puree soup in blender or food processor until smooth. Add salt and pepper.
If serving immediately, add half and half and serve.
If serving later, refrigerate soup and reheat before serving; add half and half just before serving. (NOTE: half and half will curdle if soup is too hot).

Thanks to Milt Palmer for reinforcing our wooden bimah to make it more stable and less wobbly!

Thanks to Jan Dombrower for collaborating with Rabbi Matt to create the lyrics for the amazing Elivs Shpielskey Purim Celebration that brought down the house at our February 26 Purim Shabbat service. Thanks also to Adam Blum, Emma Silver, Fred Zankowsky, and Stan Heimowitz for their Oscar-worthy performances in the schpiel.

Many, many thanks to Barb Haber for her extraordinary efforts to put on the wonderful Purim carnival on February 28. The carnival was a joint project of Shir Ami, Temple Beth Sholom in San Leandro, and Temple Israel in Alameda. It featured a puppet show, a clown show, and countless games of skill, chance, and silliness. Young and old had a great time. Helpers were too numerous to name here but much appreciated.

This page is in transition. If you have any news you would like included in the Community Page, or input into how you think it should look, please e-mail your feedback to community@congshirami.org.

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



**AN OPPORTUNITY AND A CHALLENGE
FOR SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH***

The Problem: Finding fresh fruits and vegetables to insure that the folk who use the SHP Food Pantry and other food distribution programs in Hayward have what they need to maintain good health with a well balanced diet.

The Opportunity: Each Saturday as the Hayward Farmer's Market closes around 2:30 PM, unsold produce is often thrown away. Many pounds of usable fruit and vegetables go into the land fill. The Market managers would be delighted to have the Parish contact the vendors and arrange to pick up this unwanted produce. The Parish owns a large cargo van to transport produce to a central distribution site where cooperating food pantries could pick up what they can use.

The challenge: In order to take advantage of this opportunity the Parish must be able to promise consistency...that we will pick up produce every week! And this means finding person power. In the long run, we are searching for a funding source that will allow us to pay some folk to undertake this project. But in the short run, needed produce is going to waste. So the challenge becomes finding volunteers who are able to help. The van driver will be the key to the project. The driver needs to show proof of auto insurance as required by the State and a clean DMV printout. One regular helper will be needed. We will also be looking to our friends in the Community Action Network and Day Labor Center projects for additional help.

The question: Know someone looking for a serious volunteer opportunity? How about you? Want to ask questions, explore the possibilities? Want a speaker for your group? Contact Betty DeForest: 510 782-5462 or email deforestbetty@hotmail.com.

*Shir Ami is a member of the South Hayward Parish. For information about the Community Action Network and SHP, visit haywardcan.weebly.com

SHIR AMI BULLETIN BOARD



Ladino Song Learning Workshop

I am elated to announce the start of a Ladino song learning workshop in the East Bay. The sessions will run four Sundays starting Sun. April 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at a location near BART. I will be providing music, lyric, pronunciation guide, historical and geographical background, and recordings. Please see flier attached in this bulletin.

Mark Levy mitzvahmus@aol.com 888 505 8953

Mark Levy has performed and taught in the S.F. Bay area for 30 years at temples, synagogues, JCC's, Lehrhaus Judaica, Workmen's Circle, and other Jewish groups. He has appeared throughout the country and abroad and is a singer and lecturer who specializes in older Judaic folk music in Yiddish, Hebrew, and Ladino, Klezmer history and theory, and Jewish music history in general. He has performed for Yeshiva University Sephardic Dept.'s Semana Sepharad in New York, and is a cantorial soloist in California. He recently released a fourth album of Jewish music entitled *Bin Ikh Mir A Shnayderl: Yiddish Work Songs*, in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Workmen's Circle, a fraternal order of Jewish workers and their families.

Holocaust Survivor Portrait Exhibit

Portrait exhibit of Holocaust survivors living in California will be on display until March 13. There is no charge for tickets. The museum is located at the corner of C and Main in downtown Hayward, and we are open from 11 to 4 Tuesday through Saturday.

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Congregation Shir Ami
Community-Wide Passover Seder

Saturday, April 3, 2010, 5:45 - 9:00 PM
 Five Canyons Recreation Center
 5150 Private Recreation Road
 Castro Valley, CA 94552

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"Justice" - Arthur Szyk Haggadah

Shir Ami will be retelling the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery and their redemption. The Evening Service will feature Passover songs and music. Rabbinic Intern Matt Dreffin will conduct the Seder. A festive kosher-style Holiday meal will be served.

Costs: Shir Ami Members \$25, all children 12 and under \$10. Adult Non-Members \$30. No charge to military personnel. Additional contributions to defray costs are appreciated. No Shir Ami member will be turned away because of inability to pay.



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 MARCH 29 to:

**Congregation Shir Ami
 ATT'N: Community Passover Seder
 4529 Malabar Ave
 Castro Valley, CA 94546**

Please include your check; money will not be accepted at the door

Want to learn songs in the 500 year old language Ladino?*

A group is starting up in the East Bay, and collecting sign-ups for weekly sessions with Mark Levy.

Call 831 338 7283, or email Mark at Mitzvahmus@aol.com .

We hope to meet starting in the Spring, and learn to sing these haunting melodies.



Romancero! The folk ballads and songs of the Sephardic Jews of Turkey, Greece, Morocco, Syria, and the Balkans are some of the most beautiful melodies in the Jewish tradition. We will trace their origins, and learn as many as time permits. Sheet music and recordings will be provided.

*The Jews of Spain, who were expelled in 1492 after over 1000 years in that country, continued to sing and compose songs in the Judeo-Espanol (Ladino) language for 500 years in exile. Sephardic communities in Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Morocco, Italy, Israel, and the United States preserved many ballads, holiday and religious songs, and especially love songs which had been passed down orally for generations. Contemporary renditions have been recorded by Yehoram Gaon, Judy Frankel, Yasmin Levy, Kit Parra, Ron Eliran, Pazurim, Voice of the Turtle, Gerineldo and dozens of other performers .

CASTRO VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

STATEWIDE DAY OF ACTION

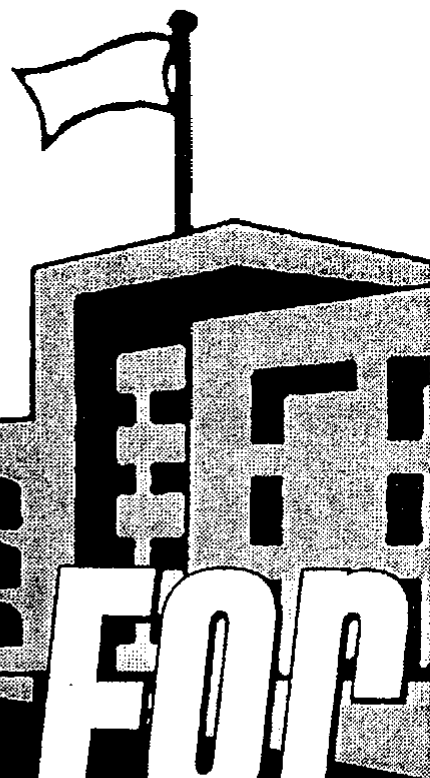
DEFEND PUBLIC EDUCATION

ON MARCH 4TH

"START THE
DAY FOR STUDENTS"
BEFORE-SCHOOL PICKETS

&

DOWNTOWN RALLY
3:30-5:30PM
REDWOOD RD & CV BLVD



STAND UP FOR SCHOOLS!

GET INVOLVED!
PLAN A SIGN-MAKING
PARTY, TELL YOUR FRIENDS,
BRING YOUR FAMILIES!

Shir Ami Religious School will be joining Temple Israel at their

Michael Jackson Passover Seder



Sunday, March 28th, from 10:30 – 12 Noon
CARPOOLS LEAVE SHIR AMI AT 10:00 SHARP
Hebrew Class begins on time at 9:15

How is this Passover celebration different from all other Passover celebrations?

- The haggadah will include Michael Jackson song parodies (written by Mindy Myers the Educator at TI)
- The Passover story will be abbreviated and include inserts from Michael's life.
- We are joining Temple Israel and Temple Beth Sholom Religious Schools to celebrate.

The entire Shir Ami community is invited, our count already includes our students and teachers. If you are not part of the school and want to attend, please RSVP to Barb Haber as **space is limited**.

For further information contact Barb Haber at bjhaber@sbcglobal.net

For directions to Temple Israel see www.templeisraelalameda.org

If you are a parent willing to drive others in your car, please let Barb Haber know soon.