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Congregation Shir Ami in Castro Valley is an intimate, inclusive, intergenerational Reform Jewish Community that welcomes interfaith families

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SEPTEMBER 2011 Bulletin (Elul 5771-Tishrei 5772)

EVENT CALENDAR

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Day	Date, Time		Event	Location
Mon.	Sept. 5, 2-5 pm		Labor Day Barbecue	Shir Ami
Sat.	Sept. 10		Preparing for the High Holydays	Shir Ami
Sat.-Sun.	Sept. 10-11		Castro Valley Fall Festival	CV Boulevard
Sun.	Sept. 11, 9:30 am		Torah School begins	Beth Sholom
Tue.	Sept. 13		Hebrew School begins	Beth Sholom
Fri.	Sept. 16, 8 pm		Shabbat Services <i>Led by Rabbi Lara</i>	Shir Ami
Sat.	Sept. 17, 3 pm		Discuss the Month of Elul	Shir Ami
Sat.	Sept. 17, 7 pm		Havdallah & Movie	Shir Ami
Sun.	Sept. 25, 1 pm		Potluck Lox and Bagel Lunch	Shir Ami
Wed.	Sept. 28, 8 pm		Rosh Hashanah Evening Service	Shir Ami
Thur	Sept. 29, 10 am		Rosh Hashanah Service	Shir Ami
Thur	Sept. 29, 2 pm		Children's Service	Shir Ami
Thur	Sept. 29, 3:30 pm		Tashlich	Lake Chabot
Fri.	Oct. 7, 8 pm		Kol Nidre Service	Shir Ami
Sat.	Oct 8, 10 am		Yom Kippur Morning Service	Shir Ami

Editor's Note:

There is a lot happening in this next month. It begins with our annual BBQ on Labor Day, September 5, and culminates with the High Holydays. In between our children start Religious School, there is a Lox & Bagel Lunch, there are 2 opportunities to prepare for the High Holidays (9/10 & 9/17) and more.

Rose Firestone

editor@CongShirAmi.org

President's Message

Dear Shir Ami Members and Friends:

In my column last month I mentioned that your board would be discussing communications and the scheduling of events, two topics that originated from the May Community Meeting. The goal was to identify the issues we have around communication, scheduling and member participation, etc. We had a great discussion that will be continued in our board meeting this month. A point raised about member participation that I want to share is that members may not volunteer for things because they either don't know about an activity or they do not know what that activity entails. We all agreed that the more a member gets involved with the temple activities, the more connected the member feels and the more value they get from their membership. This to me was a really important statement especially now as we start into a new year. There will be a new calendar of events, requests for members to sign up to host Rabbinic interns, provide Shabbat onegs, etc. I committed to the board that I would address what some of these activities entail here in this column.

This month I will address **Hosting a Rabbinic Intern**. As you know we have two Rabbinic Interns that come to Shir Ami from the Hebrew Union College in L.A. This year we welcome back Lara Pullan Regev and Andrew Terkel. Each weekend a host family will provide transportation to and from the Oakland Airport on Friday afternoons and Sunday afternoons and to and from their hotel and Shir Ami (or Temple Beth Shalom on some Sundays). The host family provides meals during the weekend – either hosting in their home or taking the intern out for a meal. I will admit that at first I was very hesitant on hosting. I was worried that I wouldn't know what to talk about, what to do for meals and what exactly it all entailed.

What prompted me to sign up for the first time was that I really liked one of the returning interns and felt comfortable with her. Bruce, Lexi and I really got to know the intern on a more personal level and actually formed a relationship that lasted beyond her term at Shir Ami. Now I look forward to hosting the interns. Many times host members invite other Shir Ami members to join them for dinner, which is a lot of fun. I find that also helps me break the ice with a new intern that we're hosting for the first time. Members have been hosting even when they can't provide transportation due to their work hours or for

whatever reason – they rent a car for the intern for the weekend.

I encourage you to sign up to host an intern this year – especially if you never have done this mitzvah. During the Labor Day BBQ and at the High Holy day services, David Schulberg will be asking members to sign up for a weekend. To help new host members and to remind experienced host members, the responsibilities have been documented and are included in this bulletin.



Harriet Skelly,
President

If you have any questions about hosting or need more information, please don't hesitate to ask David, Diana or me. Next month I will write about hosting Onegs for Shabbat services and for the potluck/ Shabbat services.

Harriet Skelly

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 Shalom School (either at Shir Ami or Temple Beth Shalom) by 9:15 am.
- Provide transportation to the airport after Sunday School (pick up intern at 12:00 pm)

Rabbinic Interns' Page

The month of Elul is upon us, which means that the High Holidays are fast approaching! Elul asks us, "Are you ready?" "Have you looked within yourself?" "What has the past year brought you, and what have you brought to the world?"

Elul is a time of reflection and introspection before we stand in judgment before God, and before our fellow human beings. We hope that Elul brings you inspiration and clarity, and that we may enter the High Holydays together with a sense of purpose and of community.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES:

Friday, September 16th, 2011:

8:00 pm: Shabbat services for all, led by Rabbi Lara

ADULT LEARNING, SATURDAY

The following information and opportunities will, we hope, bring new experiences into your lives, and also some familiarity and continuity as we move into our new year together.

September 17th at 3:00 pm will be a discussion on the month of Elul, and reflection on preparation for the High Holidays. With Rabbi Lara.

September 17th at 7:00 pm will be wonderful Havdallah and movie night, followed immediately by a discussion based on the movie to be viewed that evening. Led by Rabbi Lara.

ADULT LEARNING IN 5772

Rabbi Lara and Rabbi Andrew will be bringing an exciting array of programming this year, with movie nights, text study, trope classes, as well as book discussion and an evening of song. We look forward to seeing all of you at adult learning events that will be sure to excite and inspire!



Editor's Note: here's a link to other [Adult Lifelong Learning opportunities](#)-- Hebrew, Judaism & Internet Websites.

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School Notes

Shir Sholom

Torah and Hebrew School

Temple Beth Sholom

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July 27, 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

Shalom uvracha, peace and blessing upon you all. We hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation and are looking forward to another exciting and stimulating year of **Torah and Hebrew School**.

We shall begin **Torah School** on **Sunday, September 11th** at **Temple Beth Sholom**. All students, pre-school through ninth grade, are to report to the sanctuary at 9:30 am. **Hebrew School** will begin on **Tuesday, September 13th** for grades 3 and up at **Temple Beth Sholom**. A complete calendar for the year is attached.

Students preparing to become *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* must contact their congregations to find out specific requirements for the process. Students from Temple Beth Sholom should contact Rabbi Harry Manhoff and students from Congregation Shir Ami should contact either David Schulberg or Diana Zankowsky. We strongly encourage all students to attend family services as often as possible.

Students entering 8th to 12th grades can once again attend our excellent Bay Area *Midrasha* on Tuesday evenings in Oakland or on Sunday evenings in Pleasanton. Students who have completed their synagogues confirmation requirements are encouraged to join us as teacher's assistants. Please contact Rinat Manhoff if your child is interested in this prospect.

We are becoming increasingly excited about the changes that we made last year and all of the new ideas for the coming year. This year we will be focusing on Mitzvot. We look forward to sharing our studies with you throughout the year.

L'Shalom,

Rinat Manhoff
Shir Sholom Director



School Registration

Please duplicate this form for each child attending Torah or Hebrew School

Shir Sholom Torah and Hebrew School

Child's Name _____ Birthdate ___/___/___ Sex ___

Child's Address _____ City/Zip _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Email address _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Email address _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Doctor's Name _____ Dr.'s Phone _____

Medical Insurance and Policy Number _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Learning Needs/Difficulties _____

Anything we should know about your student _____

Permission to dispense acetaminophen ___ Permission to dispense ibuprofen ___

Two contacts in case of emergency, if you cannot be reached:

Name _____ Relation _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Relation _____ Phone _____

PARENT RELEASE: My child has my permission to participate in all Shir Sholom Torah and Hebrew School sponsored activities, to go on trips sponsored and supervised as a part of the program. If there is any exception and I do not want my child to participate, I will notify the staff in writing. In the event of an accident or medical emergency, and I am unable to be contacted, Temple Beth Sholom staff is hereby authorized to act as my agent to secure emergency medical treatment.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ Date _____

Labor Day BBQ, Sept. 5



at Congregation Shir Ami!
Monday, September 5, 2011 from 2 to 5 PM

Costs

If prepaid by August 31, 2011
Adults \$12.00; children 12 and under \$5.00

At the door: Adults \$15.00; Children 12 and under \$6.00

New prospective members ~ no charge

An EVITE will follow to congregants
and prospective members

Please prepay by August 31st

By check made out to: Congregation Shir Ami,
Attention: Barbara Heimowitz, 4529 Malabar Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546

Shir Ami members, please participate in our rotating food assignment

A to N Salad or Side dish

O to Z Desserts

Bring an empty ink cartridge and get a free raffle ticket
Bring a recyclable cell phone and get 2 free raffle tickets.

High Holydays

High Holydays at Shir Ami, 2011, 5771-5772



Rosh Hashanah

- Wednesday, September 28, Evening Service.....8:00 PM**
- Thursday, September 29, Morning Service.....10:00 AM**
- Children's Service, September 29.....2:00 PM**
- Tashlich.....3:30 PM**

Yom Kippur

- Friday, October 7, Kol Nidre Service8:00 PM**
- Saturday, October 8, Morning Service.....10:00 AM**
- Children's Service, October 18.....1:30 PM**
- **Study of the Story of Jonah.....2:00 PM**
- Discussion in the garden, October 8.....2:30 PM**
- Yizkor and Concluding Service, October 8.....4:00 PM**
- Break the Fast6:00 PM**

High Holyday Tickets & Memorials



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August 31, 2011

Dear Friends:

You are undoubtedly aware of our upcoming High Holyday Services on September 28th & 29th and October 7th & 8th. This year, we look forward to welcoming back our two student Rabbis from Hebrew Union College: Lara Pullan Regev and Andrew Terkel, 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 Holyday services. We know that you will enjoy our program with even more surprises from some younger members.

This year's High Holyday 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
Co-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:

_____ (Please Print Clearly)

Potluck Lox & Bagel Lunch, Sept. 25



Tikun Olam-עולם-תיקון: Make The World A Better Place

The Men's Club of Congregation Shir Ami, a Temple member of the South Hayward Parish,
is sponsoring a discussion on

South Hayward Parish: Many Faiths Joined for Tikun Olam



All are invited to a

POT LUCK* LOX AND BAGEL LUNCH

Temple Shir Ami

4529 Malabar Ave.,

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Sunday, September 25th at 1:00 PM.

Speakers

Betty DeForest – Executive Director, South Hayward Parish

Ralph Morales – Program Director, the Food Pantry

Sara Lamnin – Program Director, Hayward Community Action Network

*Shir Ami Members, please bring a side dish or dessert

Please confirm reservation with Jonathan Zimmerman
phone: 510-220-3345 e-mail: mensclub@congshirami.org

Homeless, not Hopeless

For there is no righteous man on earth who does good and sins not.
– *Kohelet 7:20*

Be pleased when things go well, but in a time of misfortune, reflect: 'God has made the one to parallel the other' – *Koheles 7:14 & Vayikra Rabbah 34:5*



HOMELESS, not Hopeless

(This article is a follow up to last month's profile on South Hayward Parish)

With a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and some bumps in his life journey, Sam is now a senior citizen who cannot get a job at Wal-Mart because he's 'over qualified'. He is not qualified to receive aid or services because he's 'too young' and not 'sick enough'. Sam has come to peace with sleeping on the streets every night. He is grateful for the Community Action Network that treats him with dignity and provides him the opportunity to give something back to the community in which he lives, working eight hours a day, two days a week.

Connie was pulled out of school after the 8th grade to work. At 56, she, like Sam, has had few prospects in the last few years, but has joined South Hayward Parish's Community Action Network (CAN). She and Sam are two of the jewelry makers in CAN's Homeless Angels Project. Jewelry making, "gives me a reason to get up in the morning," says Connie. "It gives me hope."

The newest program of the non-profit, South Hayward Parish, Hayward CAN was founded in 2007 to bring individuals who are homeless or at risk for homelessness together with members of the faith, business, and social and government service communities to develop sustainable solutions to end homelessness in Hayward. Hayward CAN has helped 30 people move into housing, school, and/or jobs and over 100 to connect to the services and opportunities required for self-sufficiency. CAN is also working with City and Business services to end panhandling in the area. Members of Hayward CAN have lived in the Hayward-Castro Valley area for an average of 33 years and 40% are lifelong residents. Typically, members are single men or couples without children, with an average age of 45 years. Most have worked in office, food service, and/or general labor industries. Many have made jewelry in the past.

When asked for solutions to hunger, homelessness, and community violence in the Hayward Area, community members of all ages and backgrounds answered, Jobs! Thus the Homeless Angels Jewelry Making project was born. Small beaded angel charms along with bracelets, necklaces, rings, and more are made by women and men living on the street. A portion of the proceeds from the jewelry are given to the CAN artists, with the balance of the funds reinvested directly into the training program. In addition to jewelry making techniques, the program helps people to practice organizational skills, follow through, and personal responsibility.

Come see the jewelry and learn more about CAN, South Hayward Parish, and how you can help our fellow residents in need.

Join us for a brunch and discussion at Shir Ami Sunday, September 25, 1-3pm.

Please consider a donation to South Hayward Parish, 27287 Patrick Ave., Hayward, 94544. 95% of every dollar donated reaches those in need in our community. Volunteers are also needed to share their skills! For more information: www.southhaywardparish.org

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Adult Lifelong Learning

Adult Hebrew for Beginners

Learning Hebrew through Prayer

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm

This weekly class is taught by Judy Ganz.

Are you ready to make the commitment? Is now the time? Then join other Shir Ami members in a newly formed class in beginning adult Hebrew. We'll learn the Hebrew alphabet and vowels. After that, we'll learn to read and understand the prayers in our siddur, Mishkan T'filah. Please contact Judy at

adulthebrew@congshirami.org

Adult Hebrew

Learning Hebrew through Prayer

Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm

This ongoing weekly class, taught by Judy Ganz, is accepting new learners. If you have basic Hebrew literacy skills and you want to improve your Hebrew reading skills and your understanding of the the meaning of prayers,

Please contact Judy at

adulthebrew@congshirami.org

Which class is the right class for you?

Not sure if you should join the Beginners' class or this class? Contact Judy and she will help with placement.

Learning with the Rabbis

See the [Rabbinic Intern's Page, Page 3](#), for details.

September 17, 3 pm

September, 17, 7 pm Havdallah and a Movie

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Judaism

Saturday, Sept. 10, 10am-12noon

For anyone who has any question about the meaning of a Jewish text, the observance of a Jewish holiday, or a way to practice Judaism in your home, we welcome you to Shir Ami's on-going class on Judaism. The class is informal, studying from a variety of sources and always includes food. We will have our first meeting after the summer on September 10th from 10am to noon at the synagogue. We will talk about preparing for the High Holy Days. Contact Diana Zankowsky, adulted@congshirami.org for additional information.

Other Learning Resources

Elul, the last month of the Jewish calendar before Rosh Hashanah, began on Wednesday, August 30th. During Elul we prepare for the High Holy Days, by thinking about our past actions and asking for forgiveness. An excellent daily source to help with the work that you may choose to undertake this year is a creation by Craig Taubman at: <http://www.letmypeoplesing.com/jewels/>

There, you may subscribe to his daily feed for Elul, called Jewels of Elul. This year the theme is The Art of Seeking Light and each Jewel email will contain a contribution that speaks to this theme from a variety of authors, all listed on the website. I encourage you to sign up for a Jewel-a-Day.

Congregation Shir Ami, a Reform congregation, is a member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ). The URJ website has a wealth of information for adults. Try this link, <http://urj.org/learning/my/>, to begin exploring the possibilities.

Diana Zankowsky



Community Page



ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

Note from the Community Editor: Wouldn't you like to share some of your activities with the rest of us?? Come on, let's hear from you!

Please send your shmooze and news to:
community@congshirami.org

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Mazeltov to **Ann & Sam Blank** on the recent birth of their great-granddaughter, Audrey Ann King, in Baltimore, MD. Audrey's parents are Laura and BJ King and her grandparents are Rick & Suzy Blank. Some of you may remember



Rick--he was one of the students in Shir Ami's first Confirmation class.

Notice the flower in the baby's hair- is she copying great-grandmother Ann's style?

KOL HAKAVOD- Kudos to:
Reuben (Ace) Spitzer.

Ruben attended a jazz camp and won the top scholarship prize for advancement in playing guitar.



TODAH RABA Thank you:

To **Pat and Milt Palmer** for taking over the Oneg at the last moment and providing a delicious spread at the Aug.12 service.

To **Reuben (Ace) Spitzer** for playing the guitar to accompany services on August 12. Reuben, we look forward to hearing you more in the future.

A FESTIVAL OF LOVE

At the service on August 12, last month's Jewish calendar was discussed. The fifteenth of Av, or Tu B'av, is an ancient holiday of love and romance that has been revived in modern Israel. So the question came up, how do you say, "I love you" in Hebrew? There was a request to have the answer in writing, so here it is in transliteration:

(female to male) Ani Ohevet Otcha
 (male to female) Ani Ohev Otach.
 Happy Tu B'Av!



TRAVELERS

Milt and Pat Palmer report that they spent a great week in Wyoming in early August. In Yellowstone National Park they watched Old Faithful erupt and in the Grand Teton Mountains they admired the



spectacular scenery. This photo was taken in the Tetons; it is a reflection of Mt. Moran in an oxbow bend of the Snake River.

TRAVELERS (continued)

Bruce, Harriet and Lexi Skelly celebrated Lexi's 21st birthday and Bruce and Harriet's 30th wedding anniversary with a 2 week trip to New Zealand this summer. They spent the two weeks traveling from



the north end of the North Island to the South and west coast of the South Island. Highlights of the trip besides the gorgeous scenery were learning about the Maori culture and visiting one of their villages, watching the sheep shearing (see below) show



at the Agradome and cruising Millford Sound - one of the many fiords in NZ.

TOO LATE

When the Skellys were in New Zealand for two weeks in July, they were planning to contact one of our former rabbinic interns, Dean Shapiro. Dean has been leading a congregation in Auckland, N.Z. for the past two years, but they just missed him. They discovered that as of July 1, Shapiro accepted a new position: he's now the rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Tempe, Arizona.

NEW COLUMN

In the next issues of this Community page, we will be introducing a new column: JEWISH HOLIDAYS THAT YOU NEVER HEARD OF. Last month Tu B'av, the Festival of love was featured. There's a new one for September: the minor holiday of the Fast of Gedaliah, which falls on the 3rd day of Rosh Hashanah and commemorates the assassination of the governor of Judah. This ended Jewish rule following the destruction of the First Temple. But the FAST of Gedaliah has a unique history at Shir Ami. One year Hillie Levine was commissioned to create a Jewish calendar, and oops, a typo



appeared with an extra "e" in one word. The FAST of Gedaliah had become the FEAST of Gedaliah, and we've kept it that way ever since...

Bulletin Editor's Note: The following was received too late for the Community Page Editor to include in this month's column, but we wanted to welcome...

NEW MEMBERS

Melanie and Nate Einbund.

Look for more information about Melanie and Nate in a future Community Page column.

September 2011

Yahrzeit List

September 16, 2011

- **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
- **Jack Farbstein**, uncle of Ruth Rosenthal
- **Maurice Finkle**, husband of Florence Finkle, and former president of Shir Ami

September 28 &29, 2011

(Rosh Hashanah)

- **Maurice Aronowitz**, father of Rose Levine
- **David Sapper**, father of Danielle Keil
- **Abraham Wolf**, father of Ann Blank

Kaddish List

(those who have died during the past 11 months)

{Please read at all services in September}

- **Anne Firestone**, mother of Bill Firestone
- **Civia Rudman**, former member of Shir Ami
- **Sherrie Kidwell**, Shir Ami member and wife of Bernard Kidwell
- **Harold Dombrower**, father of Jan Dombrower
- **Ingrid Weinberg**, long time founding member of Shir Ami
- **Florence Lewis**, mother of Peter Lewis
- **Frederick Apple**, father of Angie Ross
- **Frieda Greenbaum**, grandmother of Diana Zankowsky

CLEAN-UP DAY THANK YOU

On Sunday, August 20, 2011, several members of our Congregation put some much appreciated effort into making our grounds more beautiful, just in time for our Labor Day BBQ. Thanks to all who participated, including Jeff Blum, Milt Palmer, Diana Zankowsky, Peter Lewis, Bruce and Harriet Skelly, Rose and Bill Firestone, Mickey Lange and Bonnie Frey, and Jon Zimmerman. Thanks also to Ruth Hartman, Gary Wolff and Daryl Berman for sponsoring local day laborers Mario and Efran to help out. Special thanks to Harriet for treating all the hard workers to a pizza lunch.

Click [HERE to see pictures](#) online.

TREASURER NEEDED

For those who didn't know, two members of the Shir Ami Board of Directors stepped down recently: Noah Markus and Maryann Leshin. The Congregation would like to thank both Noah and Maryann for their years of service. While Milt Palmer has taken over Noah's position as Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair, the Board is looking for a successor to Maryann for the role of Treasurer-Payables. This position is a great way to get more involved with Shir Ami, and provide invaluable help in making sure the Congregation fulfills all its financial obligations. If you're interested, please contact Harriet Skelly (president@congshirami.org) for more information.

On a related note, the Board wishes to remind everyone that all invoices, donations and payments to the Congregation should be sent to our PO Box, and not our street address. The correct address to use is: Congregation Shir Ami, PO Box 2099, Castro Valley, CA 94546. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Treasurer-Receivables, Judy Ganz, at dues@congshirami.org.

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Congregation Shir Ami-- Treasurer, PO Box 2099, Castro Valley, CA 94546

TV/TC Midrasha Update



Synagogue Communications & Leadership



Please include the following
[TV/TC MIDRASHA UPDATES](#)
 in your Synagogue
 communications and announcements.

Contact Us

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 Director

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An Evening of Wine and Delectables For Midrasha Parents

Thursday, Sept. 8th 7:30-9:00p

Learn about the adventure your teens will be on this
 year from Director, Day Schildkret
 and meet the 2011-12 educators.

The Midrasha Board looks forward
 to welcoming All Midrasha Parents and supporters.

**Registration and information will be available.
 Watch your email for more information.**

4113 Grant Court, Pleasanton
 Hosted by Board member Harley Williams

Splash into TV/TC Midrasha at the annual Pool Party

RSVP Appreciated but not required!

New, returning and perspective Jewish teens
 8th-12 grade are all invited.

Sunday, August 28th 3-5pm

1011 Potenza Court, Livermore
 Hosted at the Home of Sharon Cohen

**Opening Day & Registration
 September 11, 2011**