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## OCTOBER 2011 Bulletin (Tishrei-Cheshvan 5772)

### EVENT CALENDAR

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Day	Date, Time		Event	Location
Fri.	Oct. 7, 8 pm	✡	Kol Nidre Service	Shir Ami
Sat.	Oct 8, 10:00 am 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 2:30 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	✡	Yom Kippur Morning Service Children's Service Study of the Story of Jonah Discussion in the Garden Yizkor & Concluding BREAK the FAST	Shir Ami
Sun.	Oct. 9, 3 pm		Sukkah Decorating	Shir Ami
Fri.	Oct. 14, 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	🍽️	Potluck Dinner Sukkot Service 🕯️🕯️	Shir Ami
Sat.	Oct. 15, 8 pm	🎬	Havdallah & Movie	Shir Ami
Tue.	Oct. 18, 7 pm		Board Meeting—open to all	Under the Sukkah at the Zankowsky home
Wed.	Oct. 19, 7 pm	🌙	Rosh Chodesh – Women Gather Under the Sukkah	Home of Diana Zankowsky
Fri.	Oct. 21, 8 pm	🕯️🕯️	Simchat Torah Service	Shir Ami
Sat.	Oct. 22, 3 pm		Trope Study Adult Ed	Shir Ami
Sun.	Nov. 20, 9am-noon		Family Volunteer Day	Alameda County Food Bank



*Congregation Shir Ami Sukkah Decorating  
Sunday, October 9 from 3 to 6 pm*

*Refreshments provided*

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## President's Message

Dear Shir Ami Members and Friends:

I wish all of you a sweet new year – L'Shana Tova!

In my column last month I wrote about hosting the Rabbinic interns and promised that I would write about hosting Onegs next. Hosting an Oneg is a mitzvah just as hosting the Rabbinic interns is. So I'd like to focus on the larger topic of Mitzvah this month, which also happens to be the theme this year at the Shir Shalom school. You can find the directions for hosting Onegs in this bulletin, and if you want to sign up to host an oneg or have any questions about it please contact Sharon Golembo, our Oneg coordinator.

On Sunday, September 25 I attended the Bagel and Lox Potluck brunch sponsored by Shir Ami's Men's Club. The topic of discussion was South Hayward Parish: Many Faiths Joined for Tikun Olam. Shir Ami is a member of the South Hayward Parish and our own Daryl Berman is the President of the South Hayward Parish Board of Directors. Ralph Morales, Director of the Food Pantry program, and Sara Lamnin, Director of Hayward CAN (Community Action Network) gave overviews of their programs. This presentation really struck a chord with me. The Food Pantry gives unprepared food to those in need all year round – not just during the holidays. They get their food from direct donations and from the Alameda County Food Bank. This year Shir Ami will again be collecting food at Yom Kippur services and the food will go directly to the Food Pantry. Hayward CAN runs programs to help the homeless of the Hayward/Castro Valley area find housing, jobs, and social services, and has several programs where the homeless teach their peers skills such as jewelry making, gardening, etc. There is a great need for blankets, coats, clothes, toiletries, etc which Hayward CAN will distribute to those in need.

Did you know it is a Mitzvah to sit in a Sukkah at Sukkot and have a meal or study? Did you know that Peter Lewis and Milt Palmer are building Shir Ami a new and improved Sukkah? Of course, we can't perform the first Mitzvah without getting the new Sukkah decorated and ready! **There will be a Sukkah decorating party at Shir Ami on Sunday, October 9 from 3pm – 6pm** – another Mitzvah opportunity! We will be putting up the new fabric walls and making decorations for the inside. And of course there will be food for all who come and participate!

There are so many Mitzvah opportunities out there – I just mentioned a few. I made a promise to myself that I will offer knitting lessons to the Hayward CAN so the clients there can make scarves and hats for their peers and themselves. What new Mitzvah will you decide to do in this New Year of 5772? I'm sure you can find one that uses your own particular talent and skills. And I know we would all like to read about it in the Community page of the bulletin!



Harriet Skelly, President

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[How to Host an Oneg](#)  
[Click HERE to see pages 16-17](#)

## Food Drive

In the spirit of Tikun Olam, Congregation Shir Ami will be donating the collection from its yearly High Holy Days food drive to the SHP Food Pantry. Grocery bags will be available at the Rosh Hashanah service and food and donations will be due by the end of Yom Kipur services on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donations include canned meat & fish, beans, oatmeal, powdered milk, and low-sugar cereal. For those who prefer to give monetary donations (an optimum way to give, as the Food Pantry can buy \$7 worth of food from the county food bank for every \$1 of donation), please make checks payable to: South Hayward Parish. These, too, will be collected on Yom Kippur, or can be sent directly to the Parish at 27287 Patrick Ave, Hayward, CA 94544.

## Rabbinic Interns' Page

October brings us fall weather, pumpkins on our doorsteps, and the sounds of Kol Nidre, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Join us for a month full of Jewish holidays, hear the shofar, dine in the Sukkat and dance with the Torah. Not to mention adult learning.

### OCTOBER SERVICES:

<b>Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 –</b>	8:00pm Kol Nidre Service
<b>Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 –</b>	10:00am Yom Kippur Service
	1:30pm Children's service
	4:00pm Yizkor & Concluding service
	6:00pm Break the Fast
<b>Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 –</b>	6:30pm Pot luck dinner & Sukkot services with Rabbi Andrew
<b>Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 –</b>	7:00pm Simchat Torah service with 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.

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Havdallah and a movie night with Rabbi Andrew.

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm.** Trope class with 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 [Adult Lifelong Learning opportunities- Hebrew, Judaism & Internet Websites.](#)

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# 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 Service .....8:00 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 Fast.....6:00 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 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. This year, we look forward to welcoming back our two student Rabbis from Hebrew Union College: Lara Pullan Regev and Andrew Terkel, both 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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To: David Schulberg  
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Enclosed is a check for \_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my Memorial Contribution for \$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of:  
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## Sukkah Decorating Oct. 9

### Sukkah Decorating Party

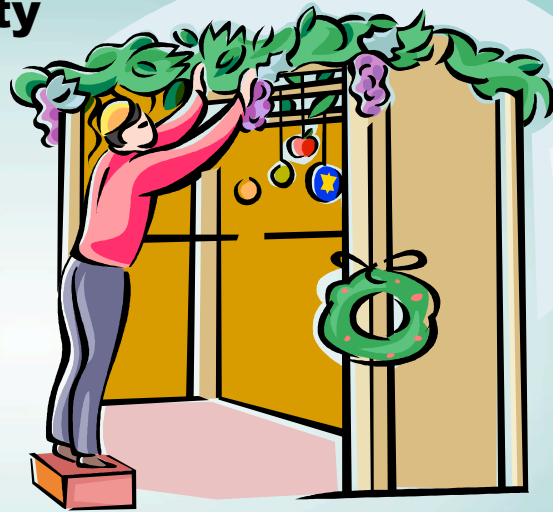
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**Everyone is Welcome,  
Sponsored by Sisterhood**

**SAVE THE DATE**

### **Family Volunteer Morning**

at the Alameda/Contra Costa Food Bank

**Sunday, November 20, 2011, 9am to noon**

Everyone over 11 is welcome to attend. RSVP to Diana Zankowsky

**Sukkot, Oct. 14, 6:30**

# SUKKOT סוכות



**Sukkah Service and Pot Luck Dinner  
Friday October 14th at 6:30 PM**

Services will be led by  
**Andrew Terkel**

**Please participate in our rotating food Assignment**

**A to N ... Main Dish**

**L to Z ... Salad, Dessert or**

**Side Dish, Clean up assist**

# Simchat Torah, Oct. 21

## Simchat Torah



Simchat Torah Gallery, Jerusalem

*Services on Friday, Oct. 21st at 7:00 PM*

*led by our Rabbinic Intern*

*Lara Pullan Regev*

*Also:*

*Installation and Consecration of Shir Ami's  
Board of Directors for 2011-2012*



## Adult Lifelong Learning

### Adult Hebrew for Beginners

#### *Learning Hebrew through Prayer*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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October, 22, 3 pm Trope

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### Judaism

**Next Class: November**

**Date and time to be announced.**

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.



Contact Diana Zankowsky,

[adulded@congshirami.org](mailto:adulded@congshirami.org) for additional information.

### Other Learning Resources

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.



## Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood

### Sisterhood is sponsoring two events in October

- **October 9th, 3:00 pm: Decorating the Sukkah at Shir Ami.**  
For ALL Shir Ami children, men and women
- **Oct 19th, 7:00 pm: Women Gather Under the Sukkah at the home of Diana Zankowsky**

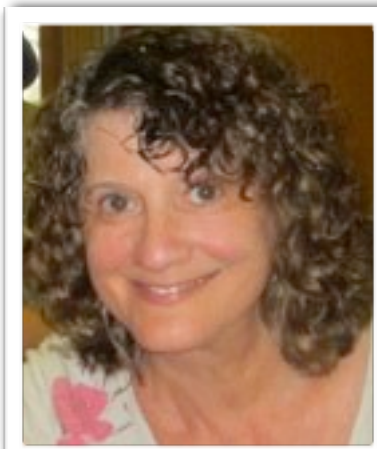
#### Decorating the Sukkah at Shir Ami.

On Sunday, Oct 9th at 3 pm, there will be an all-temple sukkah decorating event for men, women and children. We will prepare our brand new sukkah (many thanks to Peter Lewis & Milt Palmer) for it's kick off Sukkot Festival Celebration. Sisterhood will provide the fabric walls, and everyone is welcome to come and help decorate with branches, greenery and other decorations provided by the children at Religious School.

There will be Pizza for all.

#### Women Gather Under the Sukkah

The next activity for Sisterhood women will be meeting under the Sukkah at Diana Zankowsky's home on Wednesday, October 19th. We will gather at 7:00 pm for a fall-themed potluck and a brief program under the Sukkah. The evening will continue with planning the monthly programs and arranging for hostesses for the rest of the year. An email will be sent as the event nears with directions and address for Diana Zankowsky's home.



Jan Dombrower, Sisterhood  
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### Rosh Chodesh Recap

The women of Shir Ami met last month on Rosh Chodesh Elul to observe the holiday and to discuss the book [I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity](#) by Izzeldin Abuelaish.

We discussed the book from two major directions. In light of the month of Elul, which is the month in which we prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we looked at the doctor's life as an almost saint-like example of forgiveness. We also discussed the book from the perspective of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and what more than a century of conflict has done to the lives of the people most directly affected. It was a spirited, engaging and respectful discussion and a great way to bring in the month of Elul. Thank you to all who attended for your insightful observations and comments.

# 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](mailto:community@congshirami.org)

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**GOOD NEWS** Debbie Heimowitz has a new job. It's an Associate Learning Designer for Leap Frog in Emeryville. They make educational toys. Congratulations, Debbie.



## LABOR DAY BBQ

The Labor Day BBQ was a great success, as can be seen in the photos. Pat Palmer was sufficiently recovered from knee surgery to attend the event. Lori Knopf was there too. Good to see you both!

## LETTERS

We received the following letter from Ruth Hartman, our representative at the 2011 Castro Valley Fall Festival, which was held on the C.V. library parking lot. "Several of us worked at the Shir Ami booth. We made ourselves visible as Jews in the CV community, talked with our neighbors, handed out fliers, and collected names of people interested in attending services, events, or our religious school. The people listed below worked tirelessly at various shifts on both of the weekend days. Thank you so much to all of you!"

Saturday, September 10

9:30-11:30 Toni and David Schulberg and Lilly Erickson;

11:15-1:15 Lina Teferi and Barbara-Ann Lewis

1:00-3:00 Lisa Silver and Jodi Blum

2:45-4:45 Barbara Heimowitz and Ruth Hartman

4:30-6:30 Jon Zimmerman and Sara Lamnin

Sunday, September 11

9:45-11:30 Judy Brackin and Danielle Keil

11:15-1:15 Jan Dombrower and Julie Greenfield

1:00-3:00 Reuben Spitzer and Rose Firestone

2:45-4:45 Diana Zankowsky and Angie

## TODAH RABA

Thank you:

- To Harriet & Bruce Skelly for providing the Oneg at the Sept 16<sup>th</sup> service.

And thank you for your generous donations to Shir Ami to the following:

- Daryl Berman in memory of Blanche Berman
- Florrie Finkle in honor of Maury's Yahrzeit
- Judy Ganz in honor of Shaiva Berenstein's Yahrzeit
- Jan Dombrower to wish a happy anniversary to the Heimowitzes, Skellys, and Schulbergs
- Susanna and David Bensinger in honor of their daughter Ruth Hartman



**MAZELTOV**

Hillie & Rose’s granddaughter Shira was married to Jon Abel September 4 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The entire Levine family traveled to the joyful event. The wedding ceremony took place in a beautiful garden setting. The weather gods must have been smiling on the 175 guests because it was the ONLY day of that whole week in which there was no oppressive heat wave, no pouring rain, and no spectacular lightning and thunder storm.



Do you see a family resemblance to Ruth Hartman? That’s because this is Emily Einsbruch, Ruth’s sister. So what’s her connection to the Levine wedding? Coincidentally, Emily lives in Ann Arbor, and she and her husband Avi are good friends of Jonathan and Noga, the bride’s parents.

**NEW-OLD WEDDING CUSTOM**

We’ve learned that a tradition has appeared lately at some Jewish weddings- the “SHTICK”-entertaining the bride and groom. Actually, this custom has been around for a long time, especially among the Chasidim (e.g. the “bottle dance” in Fiddler on the Roof) but now it seems to be making an appearance at modern non-Orthodox weddings. The couple’s friends might plan a surprise show, or do a special dance, or dress the bride and groom in funny costumes. Messages with good wishes and “inside” jokes are presented to the newlyweds, all this to the beat of lively music. Hey, wouldn’t it be “cool” to introduce the custom in Castro Valley?





**SHIR AMI'S TORAHS**

There has been a request from our readers to tell the history of our two Torahs. The Torah with the blue velvet mantle and Tree of Life breastplate originally comes from a synagogue in Dresden, Germany. On the night known as "Crystal Night," the night of November 10, 1938, the Nazis went on an anti-Semitic rampage of destruction throughout Germany. They set fires to dozens of synagogues, and in many cities, the fire departments were instructed not to



extinguish the fires. It seems though, that someone managed to spray water on the fire in that synagogue. Fortunately, the Torah was rescued, but it suffered water damage that is still evident today. The person who carried out the scroll from the ravaged synagogue brought it to the U.S. and gave it to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Shir Ami bought it from the U.A.H.C. when we formed as a congregation in 1965. In 1990 we had the scroll restored in memory of our first president, Stanley Blackfield. The scribe who did the work established that the text was written on deerskin, is over 200 years old, and is of Bavarian origin. He recognized the water stains, and also determined that many pages were frayed, and that letters had been obliterated.

He repaired it as best he could, but it is still very fragile. Shir Ami held a special ceremony to celebrate the restoration and to re-dedicate the restored Torah.

**THE SECOND SCROLL**

The scroll with the burgundy velvet mantle and breastplate depicting the Twelve Tribes was purchased in 1993 to honor our Religious Chairman, Rolf Weinberg. The rabbi who sold it to us



confirmed that it is approximately one hundred years old, and that it originated in the small shtetl town of Mir in Belarus, not far from what we now know as Lithuania. The renowned Mir Yeshiva was a center for writing Torahs; Torahs were distributed from there to other areas in Eastern Europe.

In Exodus 15:2 it says, "This is my God, and I will glorify Him." The Talmud elaborates on how to outwardly show this love for God by these words, "Make a beautiful scroll of the Law, written with fine ink and fine reed by a skilled penman, and wrap it about with beautiful silks." We chose this Torah, because it is, in fact, written with fine ink, and in a fine hand.

We use this second scroll at regular services and for B'nai Mitzvoth. The first one, because it is so fragile, is only used symbolically or when two Torahs are called for, for example, at Simchat Torah, when the reading of the five books is completed, and the new cycle of readings starts again with "Breshit, In the Beginning."

(Thanks to Bruce, Harriet, and Diana for photographing the Torahs for the article.)

## Event Recaps

### SHIR AMI LABOR DAY BBQ

The success of our annual Shir Ami Labor Day BBQ was made possible thanks to the help of many people. Special thanks to the Master BBQ crew of Fred Zankowsky, Bruce Skelly and David Schulberg. The food,



amazing and very much appreciated, was due to the generosity of the Skelly and Schulberg families. The raffle committee, led by Barbara Heimowitz, was assisted by Jon Zimmerman, Sara Lamnin, Bonnie Frey and Harriet Skelly. Thanks to our auctioneer, Peter Lewis, for increasing the bids on our auction items. Thanks to Tonia Schulberg and Barbara Heimowitz for selling raffle and admission tickets. Thanks to Nancy Storch for donating a personalized portrait, Ruth Hartman for her challah donations, Harriet Skelly for her handmade cards and Jan Dombrower for donating a Judaica gift basket. Thanks too, to the many who helped with the set up and clean up.

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

### SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH PRESENTATION & BRUNCH

On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Shir Ami Men's Club hosted speakers from the South Hayward Parish (SHP) at a potluck lox & bagel brunch. Shir Ami member Daryl Berman, the SHP Board of Directors President, gave a brief history of the Parish, followed by a description of the SHP's primary programs, the Food Pantry and the Hayward Community Action Network (CAN). Ralph Morales (Director of the Food Pantry) then gave an explanation of how the Pantry works, who it serves, and what its ongoing needs are. Following this, Sara Lamnin (Director of Hayward CAN and Shir Ami member) spoke about how Hayward CAN is working with people who are homeless or very low income to develop skills and connections necessary for self-sufficiency. Both Ralph and Sara eloquently demonstrated how the SHP's programs provide their clients not only with their essential needs, but also a sense of hope that their situations are not permanent and can be improved through collaboration and commitment. SHP Executive Director, Betty Deforest, closed the presentation by discussing how help of all types are needed, including both food and money donations, as well as volunteer service, such as food pickup and delivery, and teaching skills to program clients. For more information, go to [www.southhaywardparish.org](http://www.southhaywardparish.org) Thank you to our speakers and to all who contributed to make this event a success. In particular, thanks to Marlene & Joseph Lamnin, Toni & David Schulberg and Jon Zimmerman for donating the lox and bagels, and for Barbara & Stan Heimowitz and Daryl Berman for help with setup.

### 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.



# Yahrzeit List

## October 2011

October 7 & 8, 2011

(Yom Kippur)

Jeanette Brody,	grandmother of Noah Markus
Beatrice Goldman,	grandmother of Nancy Storch
Helen Knopf,	mother of Lori Knopf Santora
Gertrude Kramer,	mother of Marion Kramer
Sarah Leona Markus,	grandmother of Noah Markus

October 14, 2011

(Sukkot)

Ira Frey,	father of Bonnie Frey
Rabbi Joseph Glaser,	HUC area Rabbi when Shir Ami began, and a great help to Shir Ami
Sylvia Wolf,	mother of Ann Blank

October 21, 2011

(Simchat Torah Service)

Ruth Bergel,	mother of Marci Loss
Beatrice Harrison-Golembo,	mother of Sharon Golembo

### **Kaddish List (to be read at all services October)**

James Wallace Bergmann,	father of Ruth Levin
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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

# How To Host an Oneg

## 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!

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**Hosting an Oneg with a Potluck (see next page)**



## 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.

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.

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.

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