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## MAY 2012 Bulletin (Iyar, Sivan 5772)

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**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 20 12:45**

Shir Amils Annual meeting begins with a potluck lunch at 12:45 pm.

This end-of-year meeting is filled with important items, including:

- Approval of Shir Amils new bylaws
- Vote on the Shir Ami Board of Officers for 2012-13



Rosh Chodesh picnic at Jan Dombrower's new home' (see more pictures on the Rosh Chodesh page)

# Event Calendar



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Please note that the “regular” start time for Friday night Shabbat service is now 7:30 pm

## MAY

- Fri. May 11 7:00 pm\* [Shabbat Service](#) Led by Rabbi Lara Pullan Regev  
(this is Rabbi Lara’s last weekend with Shir Ami!) **Please note special time**
- Sat. May 12 10:00 am **Bat Mitzvah, Gabi Keil** Led by Rabbi Lara Pullan Regev
- Sun. May 13 **NO Religious School**
- Fri. May 18 7:30 pm [Shabbat Service](#) Led by Rabbi Andrew Terkel  
(this is Rabbi Andrew’s last weekend with Shir Ami!)
- Sat. May 19 10:00 am **Book Club with Rabbi Andrew** “As A Driven Leaf” by Milton Steinberg
- Sat. May 19 6:30 pm [Pot Luck Dinner](#) at Bill & Rose Firestone’s Home. This is a chance to have dinner and hang out with Rabbi Andrew and with other Shir Ami congregants.
- Sun. May 20 12:45pm **End-of-the-Year [Potluck and Annual Congregation Meeting](#): Election of Officers**  
All members are encouraged to attend.
- Tue. May 22 7:30 pm **Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood** At the home of Nancy Storch Contact [Jan Dombrower](#) for more information or wait for email.



## JUNE

- Fri. June 1 7:30 pm **Shavout & Confirmation Shabbat Service** Led by Diana Zankowsky
- Mon. June 18 7:00 pm **Board Meeting**
- Tue. June 19 7:05 pm [A’s Baseball](#): Jewish Heritage Night . Contact Fred Zankowski for more information. The Oakland A’s play the LA Dodgers.
- Wed. June 20 **Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood** End-of-year BBQ, our last gathering this 2011-2012 year

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## President's Message

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Dear Shir Ami Members and Friends:

This year seemed to fly by faster for me than any other year! Here we are at the last month of the school year and almost at the end of our fiscal year. We have many events planned for May, which will make this month seem to fly by as well.

Our two Shabbat Services in May will be our last visits with Rabbi Lara and Rabbi Andrew. Rabbi Lara will be here the weekend of May 11 and Rabbi Andrew will be here the weekend of May 18. I hope you are able to come and wish them well – they have been such a blessing to Shir Ami.

### End of year potluck and Annual Congregation Meeting Sunday, May 20

Our end of year potluck and Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 20 (immediately following the last day of Torah School) at Shir Ami. We will review Shir Ami's accomplishments for the year, vote on our Board

Slate for 2012-2013, vote on our newly updated Bylaws, discuss the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget and vote on next year's membership dues. A copy of the Bylaws and the slate will be sent by email to all Shir Ami members at least 10 days before the meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Harriet Skelly



Harriet Skelly, President

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## Relay for Life

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Hallo to Friends and Family!



This year's Relay for Life in Castro Valley is fast approaching and we are on the downward stretch to July 21st! Our theme this year is "Around the World in 24 hours". I would love to see you at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley on 7/21 - visit The Silver Lining's Booth for "English afternoon tea"! Naturally, our booth is fashioned after the United Kingdom!!!

Raising money for the American Cancer Society continues to be near and dear to my heart. In fact, I'm on the committee this year as Entertainment Co-Chair. We have some really cool bands lined up, including Top Shelf (one of the best R&B bands in the Bay)! Check this link ....<http://www.topshelfclassics.com/> for a sneak peak of what's in store!

Relay 2011 was an amazing experience and I know that 2012 will be another inspirational year!

If you can spare \$10.00 for a luminaria donation in honor of someone you know fighting cancer or in memory who lost their battle to cancer, please click the appropriate tab on this link:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?px=17544279&pg=personal&fr\\_id=36470](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?px=17544279&pg=personal&fr_id=36470)

If you would like to donate more than \$10.00, please click "donate on my behalf" at this link.

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Every dollar and cent counts.

I thank you for your contribution in advance and know that you are helping fight this terrible disease with your tax-deductible donation today!

With appreciation of whatever you can do to help! Lisa xo

## Rabbinic Interns' Page

It's hard to believe it, but this marks the end of Rabbi Lara and Rabbi Andrew's two years with Congregation Shir Ami. It has been an amazing journey for us to be part of your community, to sing with you, pray with you, chant Torah with you, watch movies with you, and share Shabbat dinners with you. We have learned so much from all of you, and we hope that you have enjoyed being a part of our rabbinic journey. We feel so lucky to have been made a part of the Shir Ami family these past two years, and we will continue to learn and grow because you have helped us become better rabbis.

Next year, Lara will be working towards her Masters in Jewish Education in the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at HUC LA, and Andrew will be continuing on in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of rabbinical school, as well as getting married in September. We hope to remain part of the Shir Ami family in the future, sharing our joys with you and yours with us.

*Kol tov*, all the best, from Rabbi Lara and Rabbi Andrew.

### Rabbinic Interns

Lara PullanRegev

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Andrew Terekel

[RabbiAndrew@congregationshirami.org](mailto:RabbiAndrew@congregationshirami.org)



### Book Club, May 19, 3 pm

On another note, we want to remind all of you about the Book Club event in May. Now's the time to pick up your copy of *As A Driven Leaf* by Milton Steinberg and begin reading. It's a great read and will surely bring some great discussion. Don't wait until the last minute!

## Ace's Bar Mitzvah



## PARESHA EMOR אֶמֹר - SPEAK



*Shiviti, a decorative plaque usually set in the eastern wall of a synagogue, like a mizrach, to indicate the proper direction of prayer. This shiviti contains biblical verses written in the form of a menorah. From Persia. Ink and watercolour on paper, 16.5 x 13.3 inches (Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel).*

Emor lists the annual Callings of Holiness—the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; the bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the second day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day; a “remembrance of shofar blowing” on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival—during which we are to dwell in huts for seven days and take the “Four Kinds”—beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the “eighth day” of Sukkot

**SHABBAT SERVICE AT SHIR AMI  
FRIDAY, MAY 11TH, 2012 AT 7:00 PM  
WILL BE CONDUCTED  
BY  
LARA PULLAN REGEV**

**INVITE A FRIEND TO ATTEND**

## Shabbat Service May 18

### Paresha Behar (Mountain <Sinai>) - Bechukotai (Laws)

On the *mountain* of Sinai, G-d communicates to Moses the *laws* of the sabbatical year: every seventh year, all work on the land should cease, and its produce becomes free for the taking for all, man and beast. Seven sabbatical cycles are followed by a fiftieth year -- the jubilee year, on which work on the land ceases, all indentured servants are set free, and all ancestral estates in the Holy Land that have been sold revert to their original owners. Additional laws governing the sale of lands and the prohibitions against fraud and usury are also given.



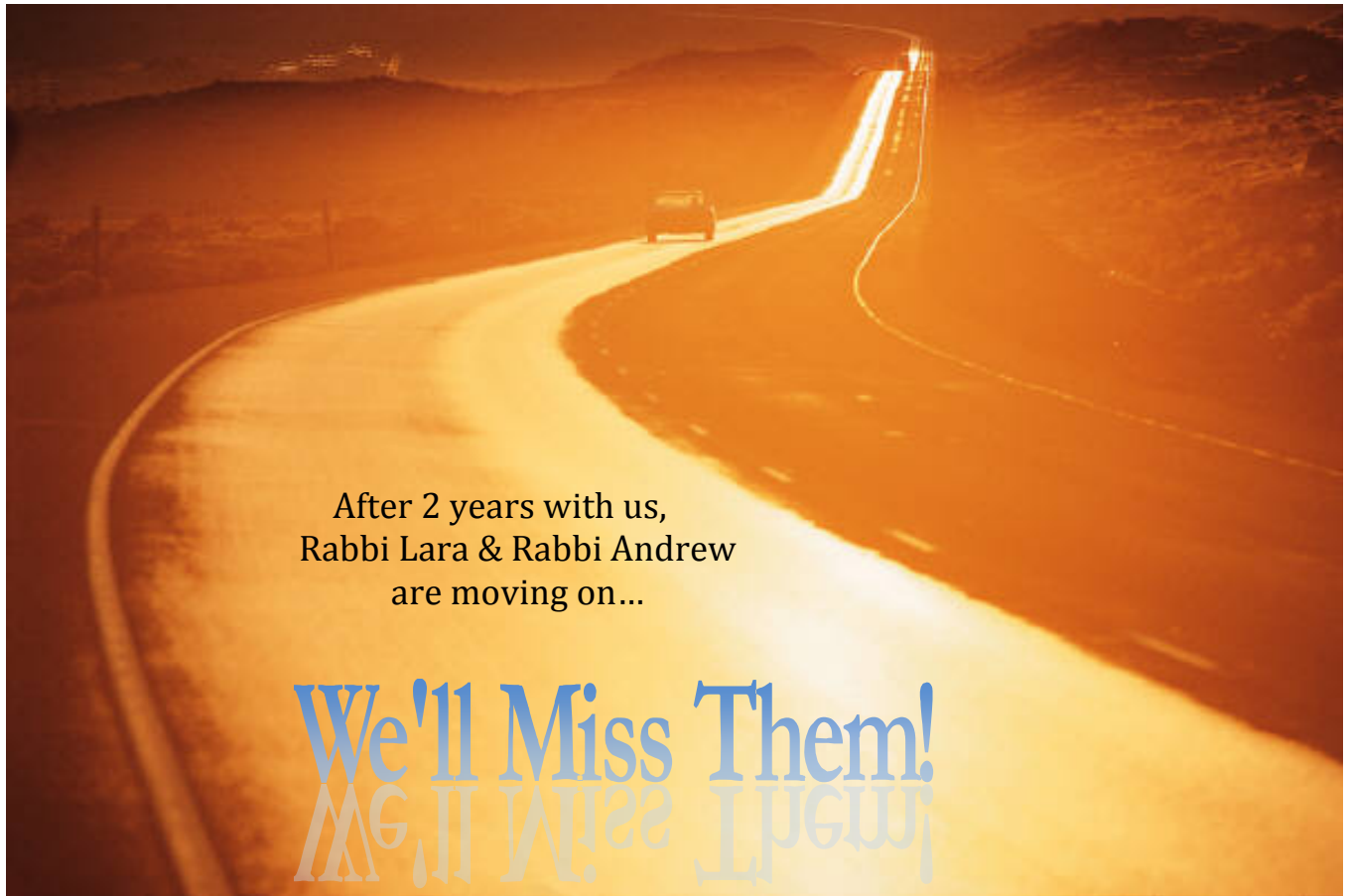
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Shabbat Services at Shir Ami  
Friday, May 18th at 7:30 PM

will be conducted by

Andrew Terkel

*Remember Shir Ami's food Basket*



Here's an opportunity to spend a little more time with Andrew  
and to spend time socially with other Shir Ami congregants

Potluck dinner at the  
FIRESTONE residence—  
Saturday, May 19, 6:30 pm

Bring: a potluck dish to share, your choice.

(you may want to cook a double batch of whatever you are  
bringing to the annual meeting and potluck lunch tomorrow)

Kids are welcome (you will still need to supervise them)  
Or they may be attending the Camp Kadima Shul In at Shir Ami!

**End of Year Potluck Lunch  
&  
Annual Membership Meeting**

**Sunday, May 20, 2012**

**12:45 pm – Lunch**

**1:30 pm – Meeting  
Begins**



**Potluck Assignments:**

**A – K: Main Dish**

**L – Z: Side dish or**

**Dessert or Drinks**

**All: Clean-up**

**Come and enjoy an afternoon lunch with your fellow congregation members, vote for the 2012-13 Board of Directors, and learn about what's going on at Shir Ami this summer and next year!**



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Congregation Beth Emek  
3400 Nevada Court,  
Pleasanton, CA

May 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Congregation Shir Ami  
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Pick Up and Drop Off:

4.5 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 5:00 - 8:30pm only  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade: 5:00pm - 9:15am  
OR directly after Religious School, if  
your child attends.

Kids will need to bring:

Sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas, change of  
clothes, & any toiletries needed

Yummy vegetarian dinner, breakfast &  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Up: \$36 per child, or \$45 at the Door  
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To register, please email :

[campkadima@campkadima.org](mailto:campkadima@campkadima.org)

Include: Your name, contact info, child's name, & age.

If your child has any special needs, including dietary,  
please let us know when you register.

We welcome all donations to Camp Kadima!  
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inclusive & exciting Jewish camp!



 **JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19**

**Oakland A's vs LA Dodgers**

**7:05PM**

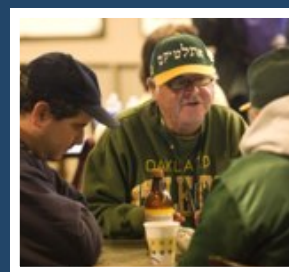
**Join the A's & Congregation Shir Ami for the  
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Your Plaza Infield ticket will include a special Jewish Heritage giveaway AND a delicious food item served in the Westside Club. Tickets are only \$25 if purchased with Congregation Shir Ami's group!



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## Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood

### UPCOMING Rosh Chodesh: Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm.

The next Rosh Chodesh will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 at the home of Nancy Storch in Pleasanton. We will bring in the month of Sivan. Please check your email for more information and directions.



### Rosh Chodesh Recap:

Last month we brought in the month of Iyar at the home of Jan Dombrower. We also blessed Jan's new home with a Mezuzah ritual as she affixed her Mezuzah to the doorpost of her house. The month had several themes which were acknowledged. First, we are counting the Omer as we journey from Pesach to Shavuot. We met on the 18th day of the Omer and recited the blessing for it. Next, we recognized the holiday of Lag B' Omer by having a picnic. In addition, because the Israelites were given Manna (bread) to sustain them on their journey, we each provided sandwiches with different kinds of breads and shared what kind of bread we contributed. Lastly, we shared what our personal journey has been. Each woman took a turn to tell the group about her journey. The group ended with dessert. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Upcoming date: Our last gathering this 2011-2012 year, June 20



Jan Dombrower, Sisterhood  
[Sisterhood@congShirAmi.org](mailto:Sisterhood@congShirAmi.org)



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## Yahrzeit List

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### **May 11, 2012**

Verla Becker,  
Morris Berman,  
Harriet Cohn,  
Gordon Greenfield,  
Hyman Abraham Rebotsky,  
Harold Small,

active early member of Shir Ami  
father of Daryl Berman  
grandmother of Ruth Hartman  
father of Julie Greenfield  
grandfather of Jonathan Zimmerman  
uncle of Toni Schulberg,  
and former member of Shir Ami

### **May 18, 2012**

Lisa Sheryl Barth,  
Anne Firestone,  
Nikki Harris,  
Arthur Kramer,  
Harriet Troy,

niece of Melanie Einbund  
mother of Bill Firestone  
cousin of Nate Einbund  
father of Marion Kramer  
mother of Nancy Storch

### **Kaddish List (those who have died during the past 11 months)**

Sylvia Weingarten  
George Lange,  
Moe Levy,  
Mayer (pronounced ma-YARE) Yashar  
James Wallace Bergmann,

aunt of Stan Heimowitz  
brother of Mickey Lange  
long-time former member of Shir Ami  
brother-in-law of Ruth Hartman  
father of Ruth Levin

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## Donations to Shir Ami

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Shir Ami wants to thank the following for their generous donations in April

- Stan and Barbara Heimowitz in memory of Stan's aunt, Sylvia Weingarten.
- Bruce and Harriet Skelly in honor of Bruce's mother and father and Harriet's father at their Yahrzeit.  
Also, wishing a speedy recovery to Rose Levine.
- Cary Nasatir in memory of his father at his Yahrzeit.
- Ann and Sam Blank- Get well wishes to Rose Levine.

Also wishing a quick recovery to Harriet Skelly. and to wish Rose Firestone continuing improvement..

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## Adult Learning

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### **Adult Learning: Learning Hebrew through Prayer**

**Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew?**

**Contact Judy Ganz**

**AdultHebrew@CongShirAmi.org**

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