



CONGREGATION SHIR AMI

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Castro Valley CA 94546

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Congregation Shir Ami in Castro Valley is an intimate, intergenerational Reform Jewish Community that welcomes interfaith families.
Affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism

<i>Event Calendar</i> Find up-to-the-minute event details at Shir Ami's website, www.congshirami.org ***All events are held at Shir Ami unless otherwise noted.***				
Thur.	Aug.	4	7:00 pm	Shir Ami Board Meeting, held at Shir Ami. Open to all members
Tue.	Aug.	9	7:00 pm	Jewish Heritage Night at the Oakland A's baseball game
Fri.	Aug.	19	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service led by Bryan Zive with James Keil. This is the beginning of James Keil's Bar Mitzvah weekend
Sat.	Aug.	20	10:00 am	James Keil's Bar Mitzvah service at Congregation Beth Sholom in San Leandro
Fri.	Aug.	26	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service led by Diana Zankowsky
Sat.	Aug.	27	10:00 am	Religious Committee Meeting at the Schulberg home. RSVP religion@congshirami.org
Wed.	Aug.	31	7:00 pm	Shir Ami Sisterhood: Rosh Chodesh Elul., see page 3 for information on Sisterhood
Thur.	Sept.	1	7:00 pm	Shir Ami Board Meeting, held at Shir Ami. Open to all members
Mon.	Sept.	5	2:00 pm	Annual Labor Day BBQ, 2-5 pm, see flier in this bulletin
Tue.	Sept.	6	5:00 pm	Magnes Museum visit, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley. See Evite invitation
Fri.	Sept.	9	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Liora Alban. Details of Sept. 9-11 activities in next bulletin
Sat.	Sept.	10		Shir Ami Booth at Castro Valley Fall Festival, 9:30 am - 6 pm
Sun.	Sept.	11		Help staff the Shir Ami booth Saturday or Sunday in 2-person, 2-hour shifts. No experience needed. Contact Ruth Hartman: fallfestival@congshirami.org
Sun.	Sept.	11	9; 10:30 am	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: 9 am, Hebrew School; 10:30 am, Religious School
Sun.	Sept.	11	11:30 am	SCHOOL PARENT MEETING AT 12 noon. Come at 11:30 to eat and talk, meeting begins at 12
Sun.	Sept.	18	9; 10:30 am	SCHOOL: 9 am, Hebrew School; 10:30 am, Religious School
Sun.	Sept.	18	11:30 am	Tot Talk: a monthly program for families w/ children under age 5. Interfaith families welcome
Fri.	Sept.	23	6:30 pm	Potluck Dinner at Shir Ami, bring a dish to share
Fri.	Sept.	23	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Bryan Zive. Details of Sept. 23=25 activities in next bulletin
Sun.	Sept.	25	9; 10:30 am	SCHOOL: 9 am, Hebrew School; 10:30 am, Religious School
Sun.	Oct.	2	7:30 pm	Rosh Hashanah evening service, at Shir Ami; see flier in this bulletin for details
Sun.	Oct.	9	9; 10:30 am	SCHOOL: 9 am, Hebrew School; 10:30 am, Religious School
Sun.	Oct.	9	3:00 pm	Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward, cemetery visit
Tue.	Oct.	11	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre service, at Eden UCC/Pioneer Chapel; see flier for details on Yom Kippur activities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"We are the ones we have been waiting for..."

-June Jordan

Welcome to a new year at Shir Ami! Look around. Yes, it still seems like Shir Ami. Over here, the 7-branched menorah used to celebrate life events of our members. Over there, the sentimental collection of plastic plates we use for potlucks that helps keep us a green congregation. And all around, familiar faces we are happy to see throughout a Shir Ami weekend or event.

And yet, this summer brings change as well. Have you walked on the new floors? Passed through the new door? Seen the updates to the garden? Met our new members? It's a joyful time at Shir Ami, full of changes and new beginnings. There are so many members involved in various ways and to each of you, I say, "Todah Rabah!" (Thank you very much).

This is the year we all jump in to help Shir Ami work. Every year, there are dynamic members of our Board and Volunteer Teams who ensure that Shir Ami's worship, education, and other facets function well; and fortunately, those efforts will continue and expand.

This year we will focus on aspects of running our congregation that have been going on behind the scenes and are asking for you to share your talents and skills to help Shir Ami to thrive. Much of this new organizational structure has been covered in earlier bulletins and during our Annual Meeting. It is a delight to see newer members stepping up and existing members trying out new tasks. Again, Todah Rabah!

Watch this space for updates from all of our committees throughout the year. If you have not yet joined a committee or are not sure how you might be 'the one we've been waiting for', please contact me. I look forward to working with you all!

B'Shalom (In Peace),

-Sara Lamnin

President

president@congshirami.org



LABOR DAY BBQ Monday, September 5, 2-5 pm. See flier in this bulletin..

DONATIONS FOR LABOR DAY BBQ

If you'd like to donate to our raffle or live auction for the Labor Day BBQ, please contact Barbara Heimowitz by September 1. Think creatively!

Would you like to offer dinner for 2-4 in your home? Babysit for X number of hours?

Give knitting lessons? Teach calligraphy? Have a private cooking class with your specialty?

OR, whatever you'd like to offer!

This is a great way to connect with fellow Shir Ami members and to offer them a new opportunity!!

MAGNES MUSEUM VISIT Tuesday, September 6, 5 pm. Did you get your Evite for this event? Join us on our visit to the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA. To review the invitation, go to [Evite here](#).

SCHOOL NOTES

The **first day of school is September 11th**. Hebrew school begins at 9:00 am and religious school begins at 10:30 am. There will be a parent meeting the first day. Come at 11:30 am to eat and talk. The **parent meeting will begin at 12:00 noon**.

TOT TALK is a free monthly program at Shir Ami for families with children under age 5. **First meeting, Sunday Sept 18, 11:30 am**. Tot Talk provides families with young children an opportunity to connect with Jewish roots and meet other Jewish families. We welcome interfaith families.

SISTERHOOD

Questions? Contact Jan Dombrower Chimpky at sisterhood@congshirami.org

ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

We brought in the new month of Sivan with our hostesses, Melanie Einbund and Rita Weikal. We had a delicious potluck dinner and program. We discussed late spring, opposites in nature, and the Omer, Shavuot, and Holy days. Each woman picked from a list of words and shared how the word she selected resonated with her. It was a wonderful, relaxing year-end gathering.

SHIR AMI SISTERHOOD AT THE WRJ AREA DAY:

Jan Dombrower and Diana Zankowsky were invited by the WRJ Northern California District of the Pacific Region to present

our Sisterhood programs to other Sisterhoods at the District Area Day. The Pacific Region is quite large, so Congregation Rodef Shalom in San Rafael hosted the Area Day for the Northern California district, on Sunday, July 24. Even though we dropped our membership with the WRJ, we have still kept in touch and support the work that they do. We talked with women from 8 different Sisterhoods about our programming for our retreat, for Sisters Under the Sukkah, for celebrations of *simchas* and sorrows and of course, for Rosh Chodesh. The women were very interested in our programs; they appreciated how vibrant and alive our Sisterhood is and how we care for and support each other in a variety of ways. We heard ideas from other presenters as well, and will be sharing them with you at our meeting in September.

CALENDAR FOR 5777/2016-2017

Below is the calendar for 5777/2016-17. Please note: since the High Holy Days start at the beginning of October this year, we will begin our year with a meeting on **Wednesday, August 31, 7:00 pm, at Shir Ami**, for Rosh Chodesh Elul, the last month of this year, 5776. We will discuss planning for the upcoming year and getting ourselves ready for the High Holy Days.

Please look over the calendar prior to our gathering. Each of us will have the chance to choose the occasion for program and hosting and we'll make our choices during that meeting.

Our next event after Elul will be on **Monday, October 17, 2016: Sisters Under the Sukkah** at Diana Zankowsky's home.

Event	Day and Date	Topic(s)
Rosh Chodesh Elul	Wednesday, August 31, 2016	Preparation for High Holidays./ Yearly planning
Sisters Under the Sukkah	Monday, October 17, 2016	Celebrate Sukkot
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	Tuesday, November 1, 2016	The "Quiet" Month
Sisterhood Thanksgiving	Sunday, November 22, 2016	Our celebration for giving thanks
Rosh Chodesh Kislev	Tuesday, December 6, 2016	Chanukah is coming
Sisterhood Chanukah Party	Dec 27, 28, 29, 2016 (Tues. Wed. Thurs.)	choice of dates
Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	Thursday, January 26, 2017	Tu BiSh'vat, ecology, environmentalism
Women's Retreat;	February 24-26, 2017 Friday-Sunday	Possibly include Rosh Chodesh in retreat weekend Rosh Chodesh Adar is February 26, 2017. Purim?
Rosh Chodesh Nisan	Tuesday, March 28, 2017	Passover, Spring
Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	Wednesday, April 26, 2017	Israeli "modern" holidays
Rosh Chodesh Sivan	Thursday, May 25, 2017	Shavuot
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	Thursday, June 22, 2017	BBQ?, Summer solstice



Monday, September 5, 2016

2:00 to 5:00 PM

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**Fun! Games! Raffle Prizes! Live Auction!
Hot Dogs, Beef, Salmon and Veggie Burgers**

Donation:

**If prepaid by August 26th: Adults \$12, Children 12 and under \$5
(Make checks payable to: Congregation Shir Ami
and send to address above)**

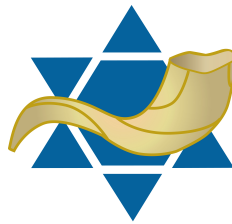
**If paid at the door: Adults \$15, Children 12 and under - \$6
Prospective members: No charge**

Shir Ami Members, please bring a potluck dish:

A to N – Beverages or Side Dishes

O to Z - Dessert

***To RSVP or for more information,
e-mail: events@congshirami.org***



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High Holy Days Services

2016/5777

Shir Ami: 4529 Malabar Ave., Castro Valley
Eden UCC: 21455 Birch St., Hayward

More info: <http://www.congshirami.org>

Or e-mail: religion@congshirami.org

Date & Service	Time
<i>Rosh Hashanah – Shir Ami</i>	
Sunday, October 2 Evening Service	7:30 PM
Monday, October 3 Morning Service Children’s Service Tashlich	10:00 AM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM
Sunday, October 9 Chapel of the Chimes Cemetery Visit	3:00 PM
<i>Yom Kippur – Eden UCC / Pioneer Chapel</i>	
Tuesday, October 11 Kol Nidre Service	7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 12 Morning Service Children’s Service Discussion in the Garden Yizkor & Concluding Service Break the Fast	10:00 AM 1:30 PM 2:00 PM 3:15 PM 5:30 PM

HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION: TICKETS & MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS



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Dear Friends:

You are undoubtedly aware of our upcoming High Holiday Services, Rosh Hashanah on October 2nd & 3rd and Yom Kippur on October 11th & 12th. This year, we look forward to welcoming back last year's cantorial soloist, Judy Ginsburgh from Louisiana and student Rabbi Bryan Zive. We are also welcoming our new student Rabbi, Liora Alban from Hebrew Union College.

We are looking forward to beautiful High Holiday services. This year, all of our services will be in the Mishkan HaNefesh, which we used last year for Erev Rosh HaShanah. I welcome your feedback after the High Holidays as a way to improve our services from year to year.

This year's High Holiday ticket prices will be the same as last year (there is no cost for members). If you have any guests, the tickets are \$300 per family and \$150 for singles available by contacting me. As is our custom, this donation can be applied towards 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.

Once again we ask you for a Memorial Contribution. Please return the stub below to my address or my email, 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
religion@congshirami.org

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: _____

_____, _____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____, _____

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AUGUST 2016 YAHRZEIT

August 2016 Yarzheit List (as of 7/01/16)

August 19, 2016

Stanley Blackfield,	founder and 3-time president of Shir Ami
Manya Kostovetskiy,	mother of Lina Teferi
Betty Schulberg,	mother of David Schulberg
Moshe Vanous,	long-time active member of Shir Ami

August 26, 2016

Sara Belenki,	mother of Arkady Massen
Georgie Brooke,	mother of Toni Schulberg
Florrie Finkle,	long time member of Shir Ami
Rae Palmer,	mother of Milton Palmer
Fred Rosener,	long-time active member of Shir Ami
Rose Theil,	grandmother of Melanie Einbund
Joan Wolff,	mother of Gary Wolff



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

Sam Blank,	husband of Ann Blank and long time member of Shir Ami
Debra Blum,	mother of Jeff Blum
Travis Mahoney,	nephew of Wendy Crow
Loren Simpson,	husband of Sidney Simpson, prior member of Shir Ami, and cousin of Toni Schulberg
Neil Joseph Kellman,	brother of Jessica Collett
Sonja Romero,	birth mother of Lori Knopf Santora

We thank the following for their

DONATIONS TO SHIR AMI, MAY & JUNE, 2016

Sara Lamnin & Jon Zimmerman	Yahrzeit in honor of Hyman Rebotsky
Richard Becker	Yahrzeit of Verla Becker from four brothers
Lilly Erickson & Darryl Berman	Kaddish Morris Berman
Marion Kramer	In memory of her father Col. Arthur Kramer
Vicky Sapper	In memory of Kevin Keil
Melanie & Nate Einbund	In memory of Lisa Sheryl Barth, Lillian T. Black and Samuel M. Theil
Judy Ganz	In memory of her father George Berenstein
Blank Family	In memory of Herb Max
Judy Ganz	For Bruce Skelly, a speedy recovery
Melanie & Nate Einbund	In memory of Steve Slavin
Lina Teferi	In memory of her husband, David Teferi

Rabbinic Interns, 2016-2017

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Bryan Zive rabbi.bryan@congshirami.org

