



# CONGREGATION SHIR AMI

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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, <a href="http://www.congshirami.org">www.congshirami.org</a> ***All events are held at Shir Ami unless otherwise noted.***					
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. <a href="#">See Evite invitation</a>
Fri.	Sept.	9	7:30	pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Liora Alban
Sat.	Sept.	10	10:00	am	<i>Coffee and Commentaries</i> with Rabbi Liora Alban
Sat.	Sept.	10	4:00	pm	Adult Education, <i>Jewish History</i> , with Rabbi Liora Alban, followed by Havdallah
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: <a href="mailto:fallfestival@congshirami.org">fallfestival@congshirami.org</a>
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
Sat.	Sept.	24			TBD
Sun.	Sept.	25	9; 10:30	am	SCHOOL: 9 am, Hebrew School; 10:30 am, Religious School
October 2 & 3, Rosh Hashanah, October 10 & 11, Yom Kippur. See High Holy Days schedule and Memorial letter, pages 8 & 9					
Sun.	Oct.	2			NO SCHOOL
Sun.	Oct.	2	7:30	pm	Rosh Hashanah evening service, at Shir Ami; see flier in this bulletin for details, pages 8 & 9
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
Mon.	Oct.	17	7:00	pm	Sisters Under the Sukkah, at the home of Diana Zankowsky. Check your email for details

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## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

### (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”)

Committees and the volunteers who form those committees, provide organizational support for our synagogue’s activities. In order to better understand the various committees and the role they play at Shir Ami, we will highlight a committee each month in lieu of a “President’s Message.” This month’s column is written by Tom Spitzer, Social Action Committee Chair.

#### **Social Action at Congregation Shir Ami – 2016-17 Program**

Congregation Shir Ami has a rich history of activism and involvement in community affairs. In conjunction with the Board adopting a more formal leadership model this year, we are trying to formalize our Social Action activities a bit. The committee, consisting of Ruth Hartman, Daryl Berman, Julie Greenfield, and myself, met in July with an eye to what we want to accomplish for 2016-17. I’ll briefly outline that here.

Shir Ami has a number of relationships with local organizations working on economic security and social justice issues in the community. The newest of these is the Eden Area Interfaith Council, which was formed as a vehicle for promoting understanding and freedom of religious expression by area congregations in response to the anti-Muslim hate crime at Lake Chabot last year. Our ongoing east bay partners include the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB), Eden United Church of Christ (and its Comida Para Cherryland Food Pantry), and South Hayward Parish. With respect to the food programs, we coordinate the annual high holidays food drive, and a pre-Thanksgiving food sorting event at ACCFB (which will take place on November 20 this year).

By the way, in addition to the committee members, there are quite a few others who do important work on our behalf, including Diana Zankowsky who is our primary liaison to the Food Bank, and Harriet Skelly who plays the same role with respect to Comida Para Cherryland.

In addition to local organizations we work with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)’s Religious Action

Center (RAC) which promotes and provides material supporting social action programs of interest to the broader Reform Jewish community. This year we are exploring the possibility of getting involved with programs of ReformCA which is a joint campaign of “[Just Congregations](#)” (which is a separate URJ program), RAC, and the Central Conference of American Rabbi’s Peace and Justice Committee to coordinate on social action issues that affect California. We have also discussed the possibility of working on initiatives launched by “[Bend the Arc, a Jewish Partnership for Justice](#)”.

As sort of an adjunct to maintaining all these relationships, we coordinate Shir Ami’s participation in a number of community activities, including the recent Castro Valley Pride day, the annual Hayward Martin Luther King day observance, and the Days of Diversity activities at Castro Valley High School, and starting this year, the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade! It’s great to get broad participation from the Shir Ami community in these events.

At our organizational meeting in July, the committee considered ways to take more responsibility, by identifying and recommending programs worthy of support and coordinate that support through education and Tzedakah programs. We have been evaluating ballot initiatives and RAC programs and want to identify programs that we could support for maybe three month periods during the year. During those periods, we would do some education around the initiative and try to raise awareness and funds. This could involve supporting Mitzvah projects, presentations in Religious School, etc.

As you can see we have a fairly ambitious agenda set out for ourselves, and could always use more participation. Anybody interested in making some of this happen, or helping us choose where to put our energy, please get in touch with me.

Regards, Tom Spitzer, Chair

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## EDITOR’S NOTE

There are many events and activities this time of year and this month’s bulletin is full of news and information. I encourage all of you to skim the entire bulletin to see what’s happening, (even those of you who do not normally read the bulletin). Then you can go back and read more about the activities of interest to you.

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## RABBINIC INTERNS' CLERGY COLUMN

This month's Rabbinic Interns' column is submitted by Student Rabbi Liora Alban

My name is Liora Alban and I am excited to be serving as one of Congregation Shir Ami's student rabbis for the 2016-2017 academic year! As the year begins, we will jump full force together into the Hebrew month of *Elul*. This month preceding the High Holidays is a special time in which Jews traditionally engage in the challenging work of introspection, realization, and improvement. The idea is that through the completion of this work, we will realize our shortcomings of the past year and will seek change. This will allow us to become closer to others, to our truest selves, and to God so that we are ready to begin the new year afresh. One habit of Jews during this month is to recite Psalm 27 on each day of *Elul*.

*God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

These opening lines of Psalm 27 present something true about growth: It can often incite fear. While the known is comforting and manageable, the unknown can be scary and challenging. Pushing ourselves into new territories means putting forth a certain amount of effort and being open to the possibility of failure.

This past summer, I worked as a Unit Head at URJ Camp Newman. I decided to work at Camp because I believed it would be a fruitful learning experience.

I was a camper at Camp Newman, I had never worked on Camp Newman's staff and I had never held such responsibility while at Camp. I was looking forward to gaining experience in Jewish education, prayer, emotional care, and all around leadership. When I arrived at Camp, I realized that I was very nervous to begin the job! I was afraid that I was not going to be able to juggle all the tasks that needed to get done, and that I was going to make a mistake that would hurt others' camp experiences.

In the end, camp proved to be an exceptional learning opportunity. I gained the experience I was hoping for, but additionally came away from the summer with new relationships and fond memories to last my lifetime. I want to end with a confession. Just as I was nervous to begin my summer at Camp Newman, so too am I nervous to begin my work at Congregation Shir Ami. Although I know that Shir Ami is a warm, accepting, and spiritual Jewish community, the fact that it is new also makes me somewhat anxious. I trust though that by the end of this year, I will look back at my time at Shir Ami with fond memories, strong relationships, and new skills, just as I look back at my time at Camp Newman. At that point, Shir Ami will no longer represent the unknown, but it will represent a home where we grew together. I look forward to seeing how this growth process happens over the next year!

-Student Rabbi Liora Alban

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## RABBINIC INTERNS

### **Rabbinic Interns, 2016-2017**

Liora Alban [rabbi.liora@congshirami.org](mailto:rabbi.liora@congshirami.org)

Bryan Zive [rabbi.bryan@congshirami.org](mailto:rabbi.bryan@congshirami.org)



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## RABBINIC INTERNS' SCHEDULE

All events will be held at Shir Ami unless otherwise indicated.

### September 9-11, w/ Rabbi Liora Alban

**Fri., Sept. 9, 7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service.***

Please join us for a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service filled with singing and food for thought. Rabbi Liora will share her thoughts on the week's Torah portion, *Shoftim*.

**Sat., Sept. 10, 10:00 am: *Coffee and Commentaries.***

Would you like to spend your Shabbat morning discussing the week's Torah portion in a way that makes it feel relevant to modern life? Would you like to drink coffee with friends while learning something in the process? If so, then come to Coffee and Commentaries with Rabbi Liora!

**Saturday, Sept. 10, 4:00 pm: *Adult Education Class and Havdallah.*** Rabbi Liora will be teaching her first adult education class of the 2016-2017 academic year. The year's educational theme will be Jewish History and we will begin with the major

moments and people that shaped the early medieval Jewish world. The class will be followed by an intimate *havdallah* ceremony.

### September 23-24, w/ Rabbi Byran Zive

**Fri., Sept. 23, 6:30 pm: *Potluck Dinner.*** Come join us for a festive Shabbat dinner.

**Fri., Sept. 23, 7:30 pm: *Shabbat Service.*** Come join us after the potluck for Shabbat Service.

**Sat., Sept. 24 TBD**

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## SEPTEMBER 2016 YAHRZEIT

### September 9, 2016

Blanche Rose Berman,	mother of Daryl Berman
Ben Blank,	father-in-law of Ann Blank
Martin Brody,	grandfather of Noah Markus
Charles Einbund,	father of Nate Einbund
Mildred Einbund,	mother of Nate Einbund
Karl Felperin,	member of Shir Ami
Rae Palmer,	mother of Milton Palmer

### September 23, 2016

Shaiva Berenstein,	mother of Judy Ganz
Jack Farbstein,	uncle of Ruth Rosenthal
Maurice Finkle,	husband of Florence Finkle, and former president of Shir Ami
Sonja Romero,	birth mother of Lori Knopf Santora
Leona Rosenthal,	mother of Ruth Rosenthal and grandmother of Evelyn, Lisa, and Jacob Carmack

### 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

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## DONATION TO SHIR AMI

Blank Family                      In memory of Herb Marx

An error was made when we listed this donation last month. Herb Marx, who passed away this spring, was a former, long-time Shir Ami member. May his memory be a blessing.



**Monday, September 5, 2016**

**2:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Congregation Shir Ami**

**4529 Malabar Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546**



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

**Donation:**

**If prepaid by August 26<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto:events@congshirami.org)***



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## SCHOOL NOTES

School begins **September 11**. There is a parent meeting at 12 noon. Come at 11:30 am to eat and talk. The meeting begins at 12 noon. See School Calendar, page 7.

## TOT TALK

**Tot Talk** is a *free* monthly program for families with children under 5 years of age. Tot Talk allows families to make a connection with Judaism and with other Jewish families. The first Tot Talk meeting this year is **Sunday, September 18, at 11:30 am**.

*We welcome interfaith families!*

## CASTRO VALLEY FALL FESTIVAL

Shir Ami will once again have an information table at the 2016 Castro Valley Fall Festival, September 10-11. It's a fun chance to meet neighbors, be proud and visible as part of our Shir Ami community, and connect with potential members.

I am organizing the booth and would love to have you participate by working a two-hour shift. All are welcome, including newer members. There are two people assigned per shift (and lots of fliers to give people), so you won't be on your own!

If you can help out, send an email to [fallfestival@congshirami.org](mailto:fallfestival@congshirami.org). Let me know which of the following shifts you could work. (Give two options if possible.) I'll get back to you as quickly as I can to confirm your time, and other details will follow in September.

Saturday, September 10  
Shift 1 9:30-11:30 Toni and David Schulberg

Shift 2 11:15-1:15  
Shift 3 1:00-3:00  
Shift 4 2:45-4:45  
Shift 5 4:30-6:30

Sunday, September 11 (note that this is the first day of Religious School)

Shift 6 9:45-11:30  
Shift 7 11:15-1:15  
Shift 8 1:00-3:00  
Shift 9 2:45-4:45  
Shift 10 4:30-6:30 Rick Goldhoff and \_\_\_\_\_ willing to help Rick break down and pack up the booth.

Thank you!  
Ruth Hartman  
[fallfestival@congshirami.org](mailto:fallfestival@congshirami.org)

## SISTERHOOD/ROSH CHODESH

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

**Questions?** Contact Jan Dombower Chimpky at [sisterhood@congshirami.org](mailto:sisterhood@congshirami.org)

## KOL TRUAH JEWISH CHOIR

Kol Truah Jewish Choir of the East Bay invites you all to attend a concert of beautiful Jewish music.

Shir Ami member, Jessica Collett, and her husband Robert Collett sing in this group and would love to share the music with you. See flyer, page 10.

## AMAZON SMILE

Do your online shopping at Amazon Smile, [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and Amazon will donate to Congregation Shir Ami.

#StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6108507> and Amazon donates.

## DOUGLAS MORRISSON THEATRE

*Real Women Have Curves* by Josefina Lopez

**August 25 - September 18, 2016**

For tickets or information, [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org) or call 510-881-6777

Now playing! See flier, page 10.

## MAKING WAVES

MAKING WAVES in harmony with our Jewish community  
FEATURING THE MACCABEATS\*  
**Sunday, November 13, 2016** –  
Doors open @ 4:15 p.m.  
Show starts @ 5:00 p.m.  
Acalanes High School Theater, Lafayette  
Tickets go on sale Sept. 1, 2016  
Adults \$25 Kids under 12- \$15

With a massive fan base, more than 20 million views on YouTube, and a White House performance under their belts, this charismatic cappella phenomenon plans to "light up" the Acalanes Theater in Lafayette with an eclectic mix of popular Jewish, American, and Israeli songs fused with inspirational holiday stories.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the East Bay  
For more information, go to [www.jfed.org/makingwaves](http://www.jfed.org/makingwaves)  
\* Recommended for ages 6+

See flier, page 12.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR, VER.5, 2016-2017

## Shir Ami - School Calendar 2016-2017

9:00am - 10:00am: Hebrew  
 10:30am - 12:30pm: School  
 11:30am - 12:30pm: Tot Talk

DATE	School / No School	Student Rabbi	Comments
11-Sep-16	School	LA	1st day of school, parents meeting 11:30am
18-Sep-16	School / Tot Talk		
25-Sep-16	School	BZ	
2-Oct-16	No School	LA & BZ	Rosh Hashana
Monday 3-Oct	Kid's Service	LA & BZ	Kid's Rosh Hashana Service
9-Oct-16	No School	LA & BZ	
Wednesday 12-Oct	Kid's Service	LA & BZ	Kid's Yom Kippur Service
16-Oct-16	School / Tot Talk		
Friday 21-Oct	Kid's Sleepover	LA	Sukkot Service - Sleepover night
23-Oct-16	School	LA	
Friday 28-Oct	Kid's Service	BZ	Simchat Torah Service and New Hebrew Learners
30-Oct-16	School	BZ	
Friday 4-Nov	Kid's Service	LA	5th-8th Graders participate in Service
6-Nov-16	School	LA	Parents meeting 10:30am-11:30am
13-Nov-16	No School		
Friday 18-Nov	Kid's Service	BZ	Children's Service at 6pm, followed by potluck and Service
20-Nov-16	School / Tot Talk	BZ	Field trip to Food Bank 9am-11:30am (older kids)
27-Nov-16	No School		
4-Dec-16	School	BZ	
11-Dec-16	School		
18-Dec-16	School / Tot Talk	LA	
25-Dec-16	No School		
1-Jan-17	No School		
8-Jan-17	No School		
15-Jan-17	School	BZ	Parents meeting 10:30am-11:30am
22-Jan-17	School / Tot Talk		
Friday 27-Jan	Kid's Service	LA	Children's Service at 6pm, followed by potluck and Service
29-Jan-17	School	LA	
5-Feb-17	School		
12-Feb-17	School / Tot Talk	BZ	Tu b'shevat Seder
19-Feb-17	No School		
26-Feb-17	No School	LA	
5-Mar-17	School	LA	Parents meeting 10:30am-11:30am
Friday 10-Mar	Kid's Service	BZ	Kid's Purim Service
12-Mar-17	School / Tot Talk	BZ	Purim
19-Mar-17	No School		
26-Mar-17	School	BZ	
2-Apr-17	School	LA	Parents meeting 10:30am-11:30am
9-Apr-17	School / Tot Talk		
16-Apr-17	No School		
23-Apr-17	No School		
Friday 28-Apr	Kid's Service	BZ	K-3rd Graders participate in Service
30-Apr-17	School	BZ	
7-May-17	School	BZ	
14-May-17	No School		



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Castro Valley

**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](mailto:religion@congshirami.org)**

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



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and Yom Kippur on October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:religion@congshirami.org)

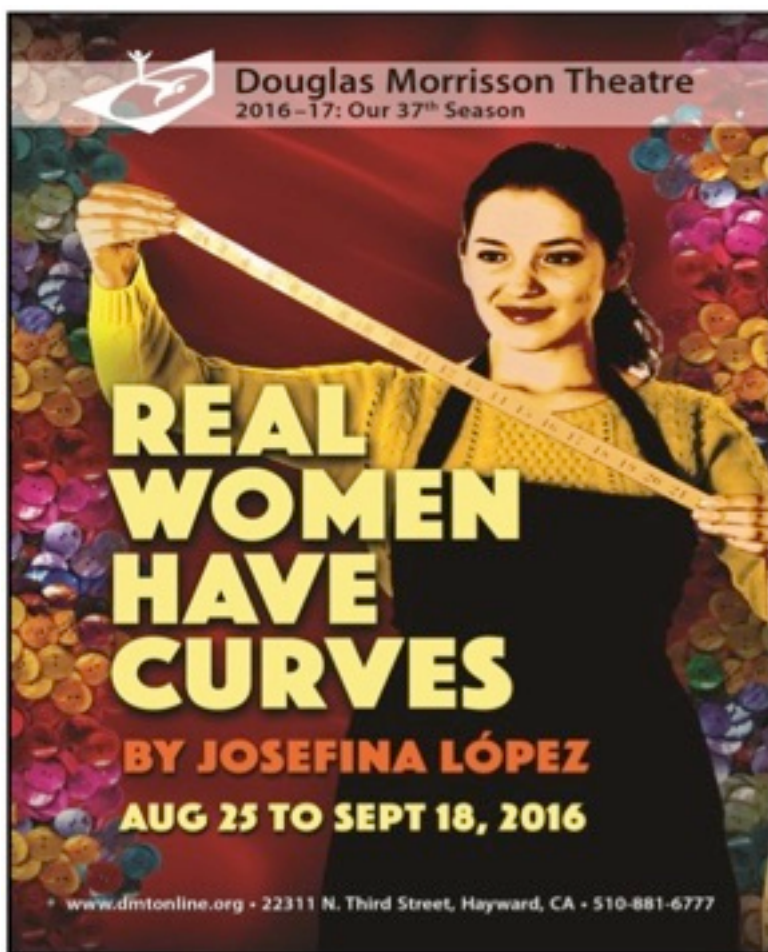
To: David Schulberg 16174 Via Arroyo San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2506

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

Enclosed is my Memorial Contribution for \$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION



### DOUGLAS MORRISSON THEATRE

Now playing at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre!

August 25 to September 18, 2016

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## KOL TRUAH



### Kol Truah Favorites, Volume 1

Come hear us reprise favorites from the last 12 years, and if you don't hear your own favorite, let us know! The only theme is that we love this music and we know you will too.

Featured on the program will be Ladino, Yiddish, Hebrew, English, Sephardic, old, new, liturgical... well, a mishmash (a Yiddish word, by the way), or an iruvuv'yah (if you prefer Hebrew).

So come join us  
Thursday, September 15th at 7:30 PM  
Temple Israel, 3183 Mecartney RD.  
Alameda, ca 94502

Sunday, September 18th, 3 PM  
Congregation Netivot Shalom,  
1316 University Avenue in Berkeley

Suggested Donation: \$15 General, \$10 Students and Seniors

CONTACT:  
Cantor Pamela Sawyer, [cantorpam@koltruah.org](mailto:cantorpam@koltruah.org)  
or (510) 918-2705

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION, CONTINUED

### VOTE



“...the real “Jewish issue” is government’s effectiveness to perform its public duties. Understood properly, government’s whole agenda – public health and safety, social policy, criminal justice, environmental protection and more – is a “Jewish issue.” All are necessary concerns of Jewish voters *as Jewish voters*. That is the Jewish commitment to our nation, tradition and values – whatever our personal politics and partisanship may be.”

*-Rabbi David Evan Markus*

It’s that time of year! Ballots will be out in early in October and the flurry of campaign mail is on its way.

While many are focused on the Presidential election, our local races need your attention. Here are a few websites to help you to be an informed and engaged voter.

Check your registration status, register, request an absentee ballot:

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/>

Review your ballot (will continue to be updated throughout the season, check back):

<http://votersedge.org/ca>

County/Local information including becoming hired as a poll worker, registration, voter guides and more:

<http://www.acgov.org/rov/>

Official State Voter Guide

<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

Who’s funding various measures and candidates?

<http://www.followthemoney.org/>

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following note is to Shir Ami from Charles Beyer, Volunteer Manager of Alameda County Community Food Bank. [cbeyer@accfb.org](mailto:cbeyer@accfb.org), Phone:(510) 635-3663, ext 312.

Thanks so much for having volunteered with us at the Food Bank. In September, we have a need for volunteers to assist at the County Fairgrounds. If you are available and interested, please go the link below. Passing on the information below would be much appreciated as well. Thank you so much for your help in this matter and for your ongoing support of Alameda County Community Food Bank.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**September 16-18**  
**Alameda County Fairgrounds**

The Harvest Festival is once again offering \$2 off admission to anyone who brings a monetary or food donation for us! We need YOUR help collecting donations and distributing vouchers to fairgoers. **You'll get free entry to enjoy the Festival, while supporting our community, too!** For more information and to register, click [here](#).

The poster features a textured, light green and yellow background at the top. Below this, there are stylized blue waves with white highlights. The title 'MAKING WAVES' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. The date 'NOVEMBER 13, 2016' is in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The event details are in a dark grey, sans-serif font. The featured act 'THE MACCABEATS!' is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A group photo of ten young men in white shirts and black ties is centered. Ticket information is in a blue, sans-serif font. The website 'jfed.org/makingwaves' is in a blue, sans-serif font. The Jewish Federation logo is a green circle with a menorah inside. The text 'JEWISH FEDERATION OF THE EAST BAY' and 'THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION' is in a green, sans-serif font.

# MAKING WAVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

DOORS - 4:15 PM SHOW - 5:00 PM

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