

CONGREGATION SHIR AMI

February, 2010

Feb 6	Small Congregations Shabbaton	Mar 5-7	Women's Retreat
Feb 6 1 PM	Adult Education: Intro to Judaism - Led by Diana Zankowsky 	Mar 7 10:45 AM	Mens Club meeting at Doug's Place in Castro Valley
Feb 12 6:00 PM 6:45 PM 8:00 PM	Kids Shabbat Service Potluck Shabbat Services led by Suzy Stone 	Mar 12 8:00 PM	Shabbat Services led by Matt Dreffin 
Feb 13 3:00 PM	Adult Ed led by Suzy Stone 	Mar 13 3:00 PM	Leading Worship Workshop led by Matt Dreffin 
Feb 14	School 	Mar 13 7:00 PM	Havdalah & Movie Night 
Feb 16 7:00 PM	Rosh Chodesh 	Mar 16 7:30 PM	Rosh Chodesh 
Feb 18 7:00 PM	Board Meeting 	Mar 26 6:30 PM	Potluck
Feb 26 7:00 PM	Shabbat Services and Purim party Ld by Matt Dreffin 	8:00 PM	Shabbat Services led by Suzy Stone 
Feb 27 7:00 PM	Havdalah & Movie Night 	Mar 28	School Passover Seder 
Feb 28	School PURIM CARNIVAL! 		

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President's Message
Ruth Hartman

Dear Shir Ami members and friends,

Jewish philanthropy is a marvelous thing. The mitzvah of tzedakah, and a tradition that emphasizes repair of the world, spur Jews to share even modest good fortune with those around us. Jews give to support Jewish community organizations, to assist people in need, to support the arts, to build hospitals and schools, to encourage political advocacy and activism, and much more. We give of our time and skills as well as of our material resources. We teach and promote the value of tzedakah as a lifelong practice and a core expression of what it means to be a Jew and a human being.

When a terrible disaster such as the January 12 Haiti earthquake strikes, the Jewish community mobilizes to help. Two examples:

- **The Union for Reform Judaism** (www.urj.org/relief): In one week following the quake, the Reform Movement raised more than \$500,000 for Haiti disaster relief efforts. Based on communication with partner relief organizations, allocations will be made to support emergency relief efforts including rescue work, emergency medical care, temporary shelter and food and water distribution. In the coming weeks, additional Union allocations will fund longer-term recovery efforts.
- **American Jewish World Service** (www.ajws.org/haiti): AJWS has created the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund to send immediate emergency aid to communities affected by this disaster. Particular focus is being placed on aiding populations in the crisis zone that have not already been targeted for large-scale relief, such as poor and rural areas outside Port-au-Prince. AJWS's long-standing partnerships in the region have enabled AJWS to send funding directly to grantees in hard-hit areas on the ground who have the knowledge and capacity to spend the money effectively where it is most immediately needed.

Jewish tradition teaches that the spiritual benefit of doing tzedakah is so great that the giver benefits even more than the recipient. The word tzedakah comes from the word tzedek, which means righteous. According to Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism), the only difference between the two words is the Hebrew letter "hey," which represents the Divine name. Kabbalists explain that tzedakah is a partnership between the righteous and God, and acts of tzedakah are permeated with God's goodness.

Wishing you the blessings of a life rich with acts of righteousness,

Ruth
president@congshirami.org

Rabbis' Corner

Matt Dreffin
Suzy Stone

With each passing day, estimates for the death toll in Haiti continue to increase after the tragic events that shook the island country on January 12, 2010. Sources suggest that somewhere between 150,000-200,000 victims have perished because of this tragedy thus far. If you are anything like me, it is hard not to ask the question 'why'?

Why did this terrible natural disaster have to occur? Some people may answer this question with a scientific explanation (e.g., the location of the fault line, or how the buildings were not up to earthquake ready standards, etc.). No doubt, they are right. But the question raises a much more spiritual dilemma for me. How is it that so many innocent people had to die, and that so many survivors are left with so much grief in the face of a natural disaster?

I don't know about you, but sometimes, I have an easier time understanding human-made disasters rather than natural ones. It is hard for me to wrap my head around the fact that God's glorious creation, the one that we praise every day and every Shabbat through our prayers and psalms, could also be the source of so much destruction.

In Jewish thought, there is something known as "Deuteronomistic Theology." In essence, the rationale is that if the Israelites behave, God will reward them, and if they do not behave God will punish them. Oftentimes, this punishment includes kicking the Israelites out of the Promised Land, or bringing famine or drought upon the land. In other words, the punishment is often seen as a physical reaction by God towards the Israelites. Throughout much of Jewish history, this has been one of the primary beliefs held by traditional Jews.

The thinkers of the Reform Movement, beginning in 19th century Germany, started to re-evaluate their relationship to this theology. In fact, because they did not feel comfortable with this type of reward and punishment theology, the Reform Movement removed the second paragraph of the Shema from our prayer books.

As the Reform Movement has started to re-incorporate more Hebrew and more traditional prayers back into our siddurim, the second paragraph of the Shema became a hot topic of debate during the publication of the new siddur, *Mishkan T'filah*. There were countless debates about whether or not the Reform Movement should reinsert the following lines from the Torah into our prayer books: *"Take care not to be lured away to serve other gods and bow to them. For the LORD's anger will flare up against you, and He will shut up the skies so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its produce; and you will*

soon perish from the good land that the LORD is assigning to you” (Duet. 11:16-17)

Ultimately, the Classical Reform sentiment won out and the lines remain absent from our new prayer book. In the end, I believe this was a wise decision and one that makes me appreciate our ability of Reform Jews to align our beliefs with our words and our actions. Moreover, I am amazed by the fact that in ancient times, the Rabbis were also struggling with this same tension. The question for them was whether or not God really rewards us, or punishes us, through nature.

Thus, the rabbis ask: “Suppose a man stole a measure of wheat and went and sowed it in the ground. It would surely be right (*din hu*) that the wheat should not grow. But the world pursues its natural course (*olam k'minhago noheg*). Further, supposing a man has intercourse with his neighbor's wife, it would surely be right (*din hu*) that she should not conceive. But the world pursues its natural course (*olam k'minhago noheg*)” (*Babylonian Talmud, Avodah Zarah 54b*).

While some fundamentalists might argue otherwise, I believe that Judaism teaches us that God does not intervene in the laws of nature based on the morality or immorality of our actions. For me, this rabbinic teaching redeems the Jews from living a life in which we are waiting to be “rewarded” or “punished” for our deeds. We are not a religion of fear, but a religion of action and healing.

I hope that in the coming months that all of us will continue donating our time, money and prayers to the community in Haiti. May God protect us and keep us.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Suzy

We'd like to hear from you

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Los Angeles is the graduate school that our student rabbis attend. The school, in the interests of helping our students learn and grow while at their student pulpits, has asked us to provide regular, written feedback to the students and their advisors. That means that they want to hear from us after EVERY visit by each of the student rabbis. Diana Zankowsky has taken on the job of Lay Advisor and she will collect and convey that feedback. Please communicate both positive and corrective feedback to Diana, (at dzankowsky@aol.com) no later than Tuesday after a rabbi's visit. Thank you in advance for contributing to our student rabbis' educations.



February 7th – No School
Friday, February 12th Children's Service 6 p.m.
February 14th – School Topic – Moses'call
February 21st – No School
**Friday, February 26th 7 p.m. Purim Spiel Preschool thru 5th
grade participating**
February 28th – Purim Carnival
We are seeking donations of small toys (used are fine) for Purim Carnival Prizes

School Families,

This year at Shir Ami the teachers of the various age groups have each been teaching to the same theme on any given week. According to the input we have been receiving from the teachers this plan is working quite well. It has been very interesting for the teachers to compare notes regarding the similarities and differences in lessons each week. We've had puppet shows about Joseph and his fancy coat, soup cooking in the kitchen as Jacob traded soup to Esau for his birthright, family crest making as we studied the twelve tribes of Israel, as well as edible tower's of Babel constructed of different materials.

This month we have a couple of special Friday services that I very much hope will be well attended. We will be having our second children's service of the year. These services are short, start early (6 p.m.) and are geared specifically to young children. They provide a great opportunity for our youngsters to experience a Shabbat service, and the rabbinic interns put in a lot of effort to make them great. Our gifted Rabbi Suzy will be leading us this time, and it is an event to look forward to. A potluck follows for all which provides a lovely chance for our families of young children to spend some quality time with members they might not run into on a regular basis.

Also this month Rabbi Matt will be here to lead us in a fun Friday night service celebrating the holiday of Purim. I am lead to understand that Matt has something so special planned he has not had his hair cut since November in preparation for a special appearance. Hmmm, most curious, and certainly not to be missed. This service starts early at 7 p.m. to make it amenable to kids. Our preschoolers through 5th graders will be participating in the service. Costumes are encouraged and welcomed. Noise makers will be provided or feel free to bring your own. Looking forward to spending time with you in February.

As Always,

Jodi

Adult Education

In February 2010, Congregation Shir Ami will have several different adult education offerings.

Introduction to Judaism: We have expanded our on-going monthly class for adults interested in conversion. We are now welcoming any member of our community interested in learning more about Judaism. We will continue to meet on Saturdays. Our next meeting will be on February 6th from 1 pm to 3 pm. At this class, we will continue to look at our liturgy in the Mishkan T'fillah and we will look ahead to Purim, studying the rituals and the Megillah. Contact Diana Zankowsky, dzankowsky@aol.com for more information.

“What does GOD have to do with it? Jewish Perspectives on Life, Death and the Afterlife” Rabbi Suzy Stone’s class will meet on February 13th from 3pm to 5pm, concluding with Havdalah. The topic will be Jewish views on medical ethics in life.

Adult Hebrew: Judy Ganz continues to teach the weekly “Learning Hebrew through Prayer” class, for those who already have basic literacy skills. Please contact Judy at jbganz@aol.com if you are interested in joining.

Mark your calendar: On Saturday, March 13 at 3 pm, Rabbi Matt will lead a one-time workshop for anyone interested in learning how to lead a Jewish worship service. All are welcome.



Movies: On February 27th, Shir Ami’s Israeli Movie night brings to you *Shalosh Imahot* (3 Mothers), a multigenerational saga detailing the redemptive journey of three beautiful triplets. It was nominated for nine Israeli Academy Awards (won 2) and offers an emotional exploration of memory, loyalty, betrayal, and self-sacrifice among family. When one sibling falls ill and longs to come clean about a long-buried family secret, she enlists the aid of another’s daughter in producing a video that will finally bring the family’s long-gestating issues out into the open. Needless to say this heartfelt confession prompts tempers to flare and reopens old wounds, sending all three sisters on a soul searching journey into the past in hopes of coming to terms with sixty-years of self-imposed silence. This wonderful film will follow *Havdalah*, which will start at 7:00 pm.

Rosh Chodesh Group

Jan Dombrower



Sisterhood:

Last month we brought in the new month of Sh'vat with a really fun game of Jewish Trivia. The evening was hosted by Marlene Lamnin, with ideas from Sara Lamnin, whom we missed due to the flu. The evening started out with a meal of delicious tamales. Then, we had a reading for the month of Sh'vat as well as a prayer, candle lighting, and wishing each other a "Chodesh Tov" - a good month.

Then we played what turned into "Stump the Sisterhood" Among the categories we could pick from for Jewish Trivia were Sabbath, Torah, holidays and celebrations, Tallit, and more. As we went around the table and picked a category, we were amazed at how much there is to know about Judaism. We welcomed new member Angie Ross who joined us that night and who was the winner of the game. She said, "Just when you think you know all there is to know about Judaism - there is even more!"

If we got an answer right we got a chocolate candy. There were lots of laughs, competition, and learning going on. The evening ended with prizes and more sweets for dessert. We had a great time.

Also last month Sisterhood sponsored a healing gathering for Sharon Golembo because of the passing of her sister, Darlene (Devi) Golembo. It was a beautiful evening with the combination of men and women from Shir Ami and Sharon's sister's community, the Brahama Kumaries. With music, readings, prayers, a vegetarian potluck, and sharing, we celebrated Darlene's life and were a comfort to Sharon.

Next month we will be meeting for Rosh Chodesh bringing in the new month of Adar on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00. We will meet at the home of Sharon Golembo. Car pooling is Adar is the month of Purim so we will be baking hamontashen. Please watch for an email with directions and a reminder for this event.

Three spots remain for the women's retreat, March 5-7. See the flier in this Bulletin or contact Ruth Hartman, president@congshirami.org.

The Community Page

February, 2010

Message from the Editor: I would like to thank Lori Knopf Santora for all her work to provide the Community Page for the Bulletin every month for the past few years. This column is one of the most widely read in the bulletin and I as well as the Shir Ami community appreciate all of Lori's time and efforts!

Yahrzheits:

February 12, 2010

Paul Bergel, father of Marci Loss

Tessie Bressler, mother of Florrie Finkle

Shellie Cohen, active member of Shir Ami

Gene Gash, Shir Ami organist for many years

Syd Kramer, uncle of Jan Dombrower

Chris Partridge, son of Ricki Weintraub (Baird), and former member of Shir Ami

Rivka Rosenberg, grandmother of Alex Druker

Jacob Small, grandfather of Toni Schulberg

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Esther Cooper, aunt of Ann Blank

Fannie Heimowitz, mother of Stan Heimowitz

Melvin Johnson, husband of Frances Johnson, father of Delores Waley

Miriam Levine, mother of Hillie Levine

Leon Meier, long-time member and one of the founders of Shir Ami

Sy Mouber, long-time former member of Shir Ami

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

Clara Schneider, mother of Marilyn Schneider and grandmother of Irene, Sarah, and Carolyn
Gilchriese

Darlene Golembo, sister of Sharon Golembo

Sharon Lawrence, aunt of Kaitlin and Matt Beckman (Barbara Haber's ex-sister-in-law)

Jack Farbstein, uncle of Ruth Rosenthal

Sarah Leona Markus, grandmother of Noah Markus

David Sapper, father of Danielle Keil

Alyce Nasatir, mother of Cary Nasatir

Jacob Ross, father of David Ross

Doris Greenfield, mother of Julie Greenfield

Jack Skelly, father of Bruce Skelly

Jean Skelly, mother of Bruce Skelly

May their memory be a blessing...

If you are a member of Congregation Shir Ami, and want a personal reminder for the Yahrzeit of a loved one, just send Toni Schulberg the following information: the name of the deceased; the relationship of that person to the member of Shir Ami; the full date (month, day, year) that person died; and whether you want to use the Hebrew or English calendar for their Yahrzeit. (Toni will look up the Hebrew date for you.) Questions? Call Toni at 278-1695 or e-mail her at Yahrzeit@congshirami.org.

TODAH RABAH FOR THESE GENEROUS DONATIONS:

- Florrie Finkle, in memory of her father Joseph Bressler.
- Ingrid Weinberg, in memory of Rolf Weinberg.
- Bruce and Susan Carter, in honor of Kaitlin Beckman at her bat mitzvah.
- Bruce and Susan Carter in honor of Hillie and Rose Levine on their 60th wedding anniversary.
- Jan Dombrower, in memory of Sharon Golembo's sister, Darlene.
- Jan Dombrower, in memory of her uncle, Syd Kramer.
- Hillie and Rose Levine, in memory of Sharon Golembo's sister, Darlene.
- Hillie and Rose Levine, in memory of Cary Nasatir's mother.
- Irina and Alex Druker.
- Susanna and David Bensinger, in honor of Ruth Hartman.

A contribution to Shir Ami is a great way to honor, remember, or show appreciation for someone special. It's easy. Send a check and note to Florrie Finkle. (Her address is included on Shir Ami's roster.) Florrie will send a card to the person you are honoring and your dedication will appear on this page.

Thank you to our January Oneg Hosts:

- Barb Haber
- Marlene Lamnin, Sara Lamnin, Jon Zimmerman

Thank you to our January Rabbinic Intern Hosts:

- Maryann Leshin
- Julie Greenfield

What's Nu?

- **Thanks**—for their hard work on the very fun **Chanukah party** to **Jodi Blum** and **Barb Haber**. Thanks to **Rabbi Matt** for his awesome drumming accompaniment, and to all the parents who helped with cooking, cleaning, etc. Special thanks to **Fran Avni**, who was able to come in and do a wonderful performance with only a few days' notice.

- **Mazel Tov**—to Kaitlin Beckman and her family on Kaitlin’s becoming **Bat Mitzvah** on January 16. We are all very proud of you!!!
- **Thanks to Rabbi Suzy and Rev. Arlene Nehring**, for leading a stimulating and affirming interfaith Shabbat service. Thanks also to the members of **Eden United Church of Christ and the South Hayward Parish** who attended.
- **Young People on the Go**—
 - Four Shir Ami young people attended the NFTY/Camp Newman West Coast Party event over MLK weekend—**Spencer and Sophia Blum, Emma Silver, and Hana Hartman**.
 - In addition, **Adam Blum, Kaitlin Beckman, Sarah Keil, Gabby Keil, and Solomon Katsman** attended the Youth Shabbaton at Camp Newman. Adam has this to report, *“The weekend Shabbaton at Camp Newman was a very wonderful experience. It was a great way to make new friends. After I came back from the Shabbaton I got in contact with other kids that I met over the weekend and now we’re good friends. At the Shabbaton you get a mix of religious activities and fun. We had Shabbat services and a party. You also do skits with different groups and new people. In the afternoon you get to choose an elective between sports and arts. At the end of the day you get to spend time with your cabin mates and play calm games. Since your cabin mates are around the same age as you are you can always have fun. I honestly can recommend any 3rd to 7th grader to go to the Shabbaton. Me being a seventh grader I am sad I can’t go next year.”*
- **Condolences**—our heartfelt condolences to **Sharon Golembo** on the loss of her sister, **Darlene**. Our sympathies as well to the Schneider/Gilchriese family on the passing of Marilyn’s mother, Clara Schneider.

This page is in transition. If you have any news you would like included in the Community Page, or input into how you think it should look, please e-mail your feedback to community@congshirami.org.

The Tzedakah Box
A Social Action Column
Daryl Berman, Julie Greenfield, Sara Lamnin

MLK CELEBRATION 2010

"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."
--Martin Luther King

Shir Ami Members, Daryl, Fred, Diana, Rose, Bill, and Sara joined about 40 other community members at the annual Martin Luther King Day rally and peace march. Participants of all ages braved the rainy January weather to listen to a youth choir and multiple quotes from Dr. King. Shir Ami was one of six congregations participating in the morning of friendship and solidarity.

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**HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS**

*From the Union for Reform Judaism:* A 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti on January 12, 2010. Millions are homeless and have lost loved ones. The epicenter was near the capital of Port-au-Prince. The Reform Jewish community is asked to continue its long history of generosity when natural disasters hit communities around the world. Your generosity at this critical time enables recovery efforts, bringing healing and hope to those whose lives have been affected. Donations to the Union for Reform Judaism Haiti Relief Fund can be made online:  
<http://urj.org/socialaction/issues/relief/haiti/>

or by check (note: Haiti Relief in the memo section) to:  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Attention: Development  
633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10017

The Union for Reform Judaism retains no overhead expenses for disaster relief donations, other than direct costs such as credit card fees.

Charitable donations for Haiti Relief made January 11-March 1, 2010 are eligible for a 2009 or a 2010 charitable tax deduction. This new provision applies to cash contributions made by those who itemize their deductions. For additional details, go to the fact sheet on the IRS website:  
Ten Facts About Claiming Donations Made to Haiti  
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=218679,00.html>

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BLANKETS AND BUS PASSES

The Hayward Community Action Network continues its work to build sustainable solutions with individuals who are homeless in Hayward and Castro Valley. Shampoos, soaps, sleeping bags, and socks are needed to help people through this winter. Also helpful are plates, cups, and food for the community meal program. Donations can be brought to Shir Ami for pick up. "We have learned much over the last two years since the program started," said one volunteer. "We are making progress and there is still much to do." For more information or to be part of the solutions, visit <http://haywardcan.weebly.com> or call Program Director, Sara Lamnin (510) 432-7703.

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Give a Cheer, Camp Kadima Is Here!

CAMP KADIMA IS OPEN for our 17th season. Camp Kadima received a \$16,000 grant from the Jewish Community Federation/Foundation of the Greater East Bay and is beginning the work to develop another ruach-filled summer for pre-K through 8th grade campers. Please support our fundraising events to ensure Camp Kadima remains a strong and meaningful program filled with great staff in an ideal setting. 2010 information is being added to the Website (www.kampkadima.org) every day!

Jewish Film Festival Ticket Sales

CAMP KADIMA FUNDRAISER

The Jewish film festival is once again coming to the Vine Theater in Livermore. Camp Kadima is selling tickets and receiving 20% of the ticket proceeds.

Camp Kadima is the only place to buy tickets by credit card.

Visit our Website to purchase tickets. www.campkadima.org.

Contact:

Sharon Cohen, Camp Director

925-931-1055 x 11

J Street Kick-Off Event

February 4th, 2010, 7 pm

Cong. Sherith Israel

2266 California Street

San Francisco, CA 94115

Be a part of this exciting moment in the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement. Watch a live video broadcast with J Street's Executive Director, Jeremy Ben-Ami, meet and schmooze with existing and new activists, and share ideas and help us strategize for our work in the months ahead. For more information or to rsvp, visit www.jstreet.org/FebKickoffSFBayArea or email sfbayarea@jstreet.org.

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Eating Disorders: A Mother and Daughter Tell a Story of Healing

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Temple Isaiah

3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

\$5 suggested donation

RSVP to Diana at (925) 988-9707 or dimakieve@sbcglobal.net

Eating disorders are challenging under any circumstances, but the centrality of food in Jewish culture can compound the situation. In the memoir *Hungry: A Mother and Daughter Fight Anorexia*, Sheila Himmel and her daughter Lisa write about Lisa's process of recovery from anorexia and bulimia with honesty and humor. Hear the authors discuss the book at P'tach Libeynu's special program, open to the community.

Sponsored by P'tach Libeynu, the Mental Health Project of the Jewish community in Contra Costa County, in cooperation with Contra Costa Midrasha and Noar Night of Temple Isaiah



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Alameda's Temple Israel presents:

The Jewish Chefs Series

Only 2 Sunday Mornings left!

Feb. 7, 10:30 – 12 Noon



*Cookbook Author Lynne Orloff-Jones
("Hurry Up, I'm Hungry!")*



*Cookbook Illustrator & Author
Linda Hillel*

Feb 21, 10:30 – 12 Noon



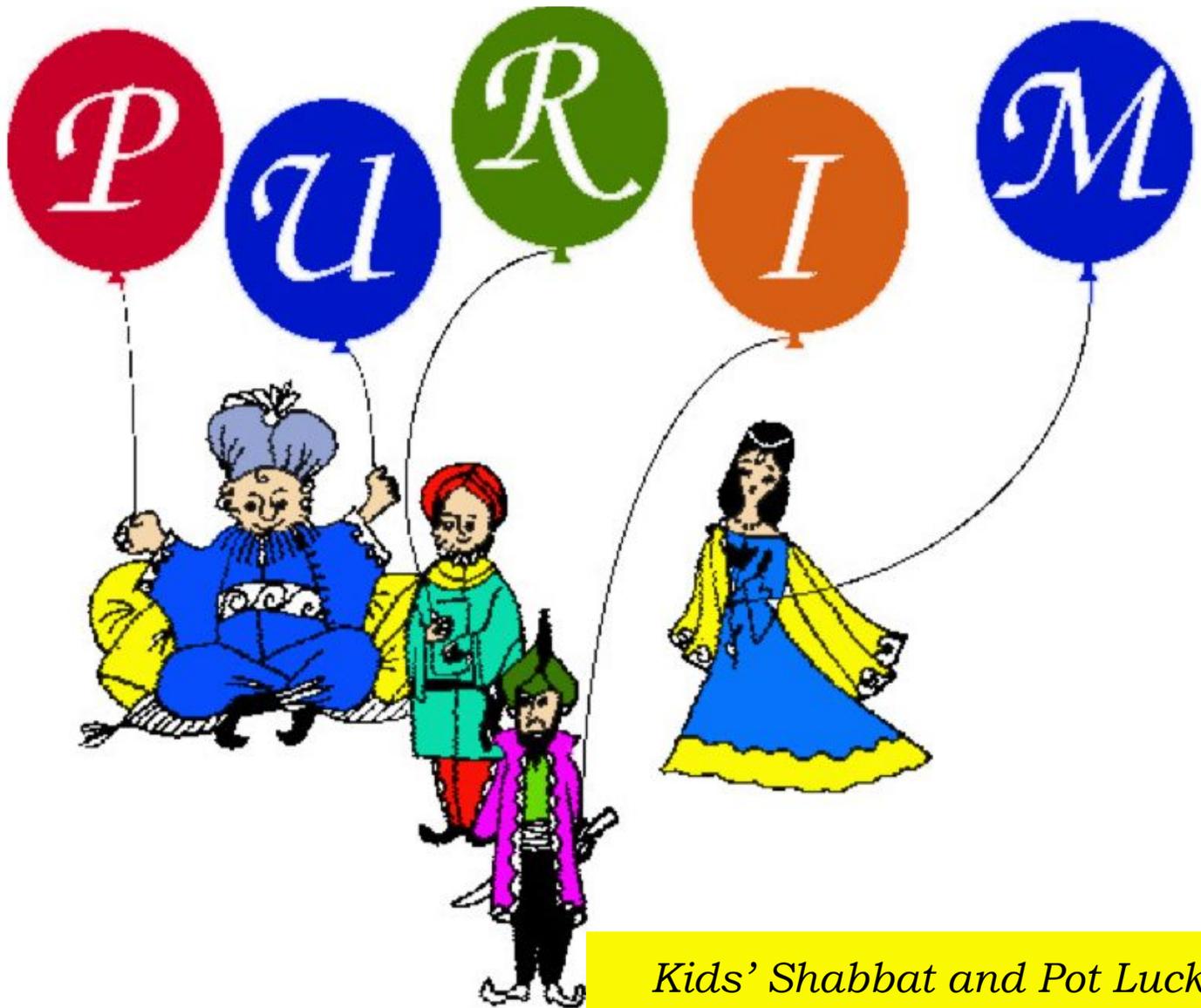
Bob and Maggie Klein from everyone's favorite Italian Restaurant, Oliveto!

Tickets are available at the door for \$25. Temple Israel is located at 3183 Mecartney Road, Alameda. See: www.templeisraelalameda.org for directions)

Proceeds from the Jewish Chef Series support the Religious School at Temple Israel. Some proceeds will be donated to green organizations in Alameda.

For more information, contact Mindy at 510-593-5285

Look what's happening in February



*Kids' Shabbat and Pot Luck
Friday, February 12th
led by Suzy Stone*

Pot luck 6::00-6:45 PM

Special Service 8:00 PM

*K-4 Service and Purim Party
Friday, February 26th at 7:00 PM
led by Matt Dreffin*

*Fun for all, come in costume
and have a great time!*

Your friends are welcome

*Also see flyer about
the Purim Shpiel on
February 26th*

Purim Service and Purim Shpiel at Shir Ami!!

(Elvis-themed ~ see the King search for
the one who will fulfill his life)



Friday, February 26th, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Come in costume

Fun for all

Bring a friend

Services and Oscar production by

Matt Dreffin

Please join us in our Fourteenth Annual
Shir Ami Women's Retreat

Delight In Your Soul

Friday, March 5 – Sunday, March 7, 2010

At the beautiful Westminster Retreat Center
In Alamo, California (new location)

Come share in a weekend of discovering what delights your soul. Uncover your inner spark, refresh and renew your spirit. Join us in a weekend of women's friendship, worship, creativity, inspiration, and play. Rabbinic Intern Suzy Stone joins us once again as a scholar-in-residence. Our new site makes the retreat more accessible than ever, and this year's cost is lower than the past several years! Newcomers are *very* welcome.

*Space limited to 20 women. Register ASAP, no later than **February 15**.
Contact Ruth: 510-582-3379 or ruth@wordcraft.com.*

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Please register online at <http://www.CongShirAmi.org/wr2010.php>, and mail your check (payable to Ruth Hartman the same day to 18850 Cull Canyon Road, Castro Valley, 94552. Or complete this form and mail with your check. Deadline is February 15.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I enclose a check for \$245, OR

I enclose a deposit of \$____. I will pay the balance on ____.

I need a ride.

I have the following special needs (mobility, vegetarian, etc.):
