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A GOOD YEAR TO ALL

Rabbinic Interns
Allie Fischman and Aaron Sataloff
at High Holiday Service.

September 2012



Event Calendar



4529 Malabar Ave.

Castro Valley, CA 94546

SEPTEMBER

Sun. Sep. 30 12:30 pm **Sukkah Decorating Party** at Shir Ami. Refreshments will be provided

OCTOBER

Tue. Oct. 2 7:00 pm **Rosh Chodesh Sukkot** Sisterhood event: Women under the Sukkah at Shir Ami

Fri. Oct. 5 6:30 pm **Potluck Dinner and Sukkot Service** led by Allie Fischman

Sat. Oct. 6 2:00 pm **Torah Study** led by Allie Fischman

Fri. Oct. 12 7:00 pm **Simchat Torah Service and Board Installation** (Please note 7 pm start time) Service led by Aaron Sataloff

Tue. Oct. 16 7:30 pm **Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan**

Fri. Oct. 26 7:30 pm **Shabbat Service** led by Allie Fischman

NOVEMBER

Fri. Nov. 9 6:00 pm **Kid's Shabbat** led by Aaron Sataloff

Fri. Nov. 9 6:45 pm **Potluck Dinner** led by Aaron Sataloff

Fri. Nov. 9 7:30 pm **Shabbat Service** led by Aaron Sataloff

Fri. Nov. 14 7:30 pm **Rosh Chodesh Kislev** Sisterhood event:

Fri. Nov.30 6:30 pm **Shabbat Service Honoring New Members** led by Allie Fischman and **5th Grade to B'nai Mitzvah** students

DECEMBER

Wed. Dec. 12 6:30 pm **Rosh Chodesh Tevet:** Sisterhood event: Women's **Chanukah Party**

Fri. Dec. 14 6:30 pm **Potluck Chanukah Party and Shabbat Service** led by Aaron Sataloff



President's Message

Shalom Shir Ami,

Now that a New Year has begun at Shir Ami, I would like to give you a preview of coming events and opportunities for deepening your involvement with the Congregation. Like September, October brings with it many holidays. Our Sukkot potluck and service on Friday, October 5th will be an evening of dining, prayer and reflection under the stars. This event is always fun, and a special one for me as it brings back memories of my family in our own Sukkah and the many meals we shared there. The following week, on Friday, October 12th, is Simchat Torah, a celebration that marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of reading the Torah with singing and dancing, and beginning that cycle anew. The Simchat Torah service will also be used to install and consecrate our newly elected Board of Directors, thereby giving you a great opportunity to get to know who is on the Board. October ends with a regular Shabbat service on Friday, October 26th, getting us back to our traditions while also starting new ones, the benefit of our participation in the Rabbinic Intern program.

November this year is all about the children of Shir Ami. Friday, November 9th features an early evening kids' Shabbat and an adult service later in the evening, with a festive potluck dinner to connect those participating in either. On November 30th, our Friday evening service will focus on the older children of our congregation (5th graders through B'nai Mitzvah age). We will also use this occasion to honor our new members. December has two noteworthy events: the first being our yearly Chanukah potluck, party and service on Friday, December 14th. The second will be a Chanukah Fundraiser, a new tradition for Shir Ami that will feature family-friendly activities and opportunities to obtain unique holiday gifts for family and friends. A date has not yet been set for this event, but if you're interested in helping

put it on, please let me know. (I'll continue this preview next month. In the meantime...)

Many of our year-round festivities involve the preparation and enjoyment of food, whether it's the first fruit of the harvest we enjoyed on Rosh Hashanah, the delicious Challot we have at our Friday evening onegs, or the golden latkes we savor on Chanukah. For many in our community, these delights are few and far between. To address this injustice and perform Tikkun Olam (repair of the world), Shir Ami uses the High Holidays as a time to collect food and money for these families in need. The collections we take in serve two worthy organizations: the South Hayward Parish's Food Pantry and Eden UCC's Comida para Cherryland (food for Cherryland). As of this writing, I don't yet know how much has been contributed from Shir Ami members, but to those who have, I thank you. And for the rest of you... it's never too late! You can contribute anytime throughout the year to these groups. And while food is appreciated, your money will go farther than your groceries due to discounts these organizations can take advantage of. Contributions to the Food Pantry can be sent to South Hayward Parish, 27287 Patrick Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544. Contributions to Comida para Cherryland can be sent to Eden UCC, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA 94541.

Thank you, and have a great month.

Jon Zimmerman,



president@congshirami.org

Shir Ami News and Appreciations

Shir Ami thanks the following individuals

Thanks to those who made our Labor Day BBQ a success:

BBQ Cooks: David S., Fred Zankowsky, Bruce S.

Cleanup: Sara Lamnin, Vicky Sapper

Dancing: Naomi Berket

Food donation: Harriet & Bruce Skelly, Tonia & David Schulberg

Greeter/Ticket Sellers: Stan and Barbara Heimowitz, Bill Firestone, Marion Kramer

Name Tags: Tonia Schulberg and Rose Firestone

Publicity: Bonnie Frey

Raffle Assistants: Harriet Skelly, Bonnie Frey, Adam Blum, Spencer Blum

Raffle Committee: Bonnie Frey, Jon Zimmerman, Harriet Skelly, Barbara Heimowitz

Setup: Jon Z., Lisa, Emma & Sophia Silver, Marlene Lamnin, Lina Teferi, Lilly Erickson

Much appreciation to the Shir Ami members who provided food, labor, and/or funds for this year's delicious Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast

Ruth Rosenthal

Ruth Hartman

Lina Teferi

Rose Firestone

Bonnie Frey

Valerie Goldman and Sam Krantz

Julie Greenfield

Barbara Heimowitz

Marion Kramer

Marlene Lamnin

Peter and Lorraine Lewis

Nancy, Art & Alena Liskewicz

Marci Loss

Milt and Pat Palmer

Toni and David Schulberg

Harriet Skelly

Lisa Steindel-Byrne

Nancy Storch

Diana and Fred Zankowsky

Jon Zimmerman

...and anyone inadvertently left off this list!

Thank you for your generous donations

A donation in memory of Rose Levine from Richard and Sharon Sacks.

A donation from Ruth Levin for the Labor Day Picnic.

Ruth Levin has retired and is moving to Denver

A Note from Ruth Levin to Ruth Hartman

Ruth, it was good to see you and the other members one more time [at the Labor Day picnic]. I was looking forward to being retired and active in the congregation, but life had other plans for me. [moving to Denver]

My new e-mail address is gramontherun6@gmail.com

Let others know to contact me if they [are in the area].

Best wishes and Peace be with you - Ruth Levin

We will miss you, Ruth. Best wishes for your new life in Denver.

Sukkah Decoration Party at Shir Ami

Starts Sunday, September 30th at 12:30 PM



All are Invited to this fun event

*Bring decorations, fruits, vegetables, flowers and imaginations!
and also don't forget friends and potential new members*

Refreshments will be served

SUKKOT סוכות



Sukkot Service and Pot Luck Dinner Friday October 5th at 6:30 PM

Services will be led by
Allie Fischman

Please participate in our rotating food Assignment

A to N ... Main Dish
O to Z ... Salad, Dessert or
Side Dish, Clean up assist

Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood

ROSH CHODESH RECAP

Sisterhood now has our own Facebook page. [Sisterhood at Shir Ami](#). Please check us out and friend us. There will be photos, announcements, and recap of events so check it out. Click link above.

UPCOMING ROSH CHODESH..

Tuesday, October 2, 7 pm

Please join us for Sisterhood under the Sukkah on Tuesday, Oct 2 at **Shir Ami** at 7:00. Please note that this is a change of location. We will be meeting at Shir Ami.

Please bring a pot luck dish to share with a autumn theme. We will be planning the yearly schedule including hostess, program, and locations for the year.

Look for the reminder email. We will be planning the year and assigning hostess and programs for the year.

Rosh Chodesh 5773 (2012-13)

Tue. Oct16 Cheshvan
Wed. Nov 14 Kislev
Wed. Dec 12 Tevet- **Chanukah Party**
Tues. Jan 15 S'vat
Tues. Feb 12 Adar
Fri.-Sun. Mar. 8-10 **Women's Retreat**
Tue. Mar 12 Nissan
Wed. April 10 Iyar
Wed. May 8 Sivan
Wed. June 5 Tammuz



For more information about Rosh Chodesh (sisterhood) events, contact Jan at Sisterhood@CongShirAmi.org

Jan Dombrower

Shir Ami Library

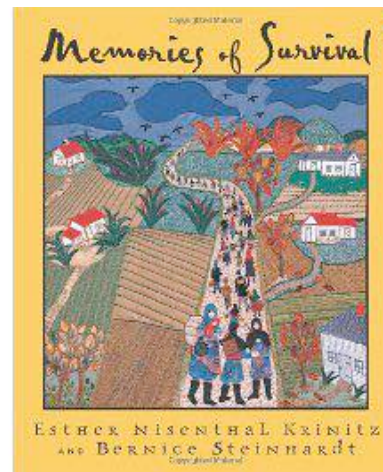
Books from the Shir Ami Library - Available for You!

This is the second month of a new feature page in the Shir Ami Bulletin; reviews of books on the Shir Ami library shelves. Again, we are spotlighting two books: a children's book and an illustrated book for adults.

Rafi's Search for the Torah Munching Monster, written and illustrated by Rabbi



Steven L. Mills, is a detective story for young children. Much like the TV show, *Blues Clues*, the central character finds clues that help to solve a mystery. The solution will help children to understand how a Torah is written or repaired. It is a great story for the upcoming holiday of Simchat Torah and could be read to pre-readers or read by an early reader.



Several years ago the Judah Magnes Museum in Berkeley, displayed a collection of embroidered panels that depicted a journey of survival during the Holocaust in Poland. *Memories of Survival* by Esther Nisenthal Krinitz and Bernice Steinhardt is the text

that accompanied the exhibit. Lavishly illustrated with beautiful photos of the panels, accompanied by text that fills in the story around each picture, this book will captivate the reader almost as much as the exhibition did.

These two books will be put on the window in the kitchen and are available to be borrowed. Shir Ami's library circulates books on an honor system, so feel free to borrow these or any other books from the library.

Yahrzeit List

October 2011 Yahrzeit List *(as of 9/27/12)*

October 5, 2012 (Sukkot)

Rabbi Joseph Glaser,	HUC area Rabbi when Shir Ami began, and a great help to Shir Ami
Beatrice Goldman,	grandmother of Nancy Storch
Helen Knopf,	mother of Lori Knopf Santora
Mayer (pronounced ma-YARE) Yashar,	brother-in-law of Ruth Hartman
Sylvia Wolf,	mother of Ann Blank

October 12, 2012 (Simchat Torah Service)

Jeanette Brody,	grandmother of Noah Markus
Ira Frey,	father of Bonnie Frey
Beatrice Harrison-Golembo,	mother of Sharon Golembo
Moe Levy,	long-time former member of Shir Ami

October 26, 2012

Anne Aronowitz,	mother-in-law of Hillie Levine
Ruth Bergel,	mother of Marci Loss

Kaddish List (to be read at all services in October)

Rose Levine,	wife of Hillie Leviine, and long-time founding member of Shir Ami
Fran Johnson,	long-time member of Shir Ami
Robert Krantz,	father of Sam Krantz
Sylvia Weingarten,	aunt of Stan Heimowitz
George Lange,	brother of Mickey Lange

Do you have a name you would like to have read for Kaddish at Friday services?

Is there someone for whom you'd like a Yahrzeit reminder letter? The process is very simple.

Please email Toni Schulberg (yahrzeit@congshirami.org) the following information: your name, the name of the person who died, their relationship to you, the date they died (month, day, year in the English calendar), and whether or not you want to use the English or the Hebrew calendar for your reminder. If you want the Hebrew calendar dates, Toni will get them for you, and send the reminders on the corresponding dates.

Adult Learning

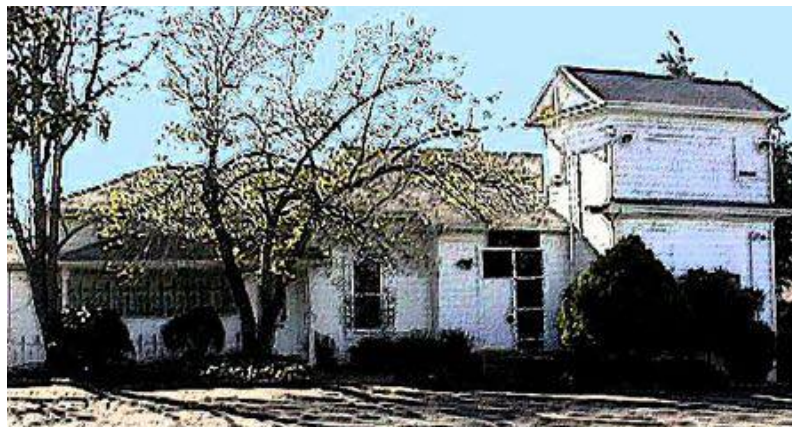
Adult Learning: Learning Hebrew through Prayer (classes ongoing, various levels)

Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew?

Contact Judy Ganz AdultHebrew@CongShirAmi.org

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