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*Broaden your
Blessings*

**PRAYER, STUDY AND
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A Letter from our Senior Rabbi

While Covid was a horror experienced by the entire universe, there were many opportunities to see silver linings and to count our blessings. Covid, in many and varying forms, will be with us for a very long time to come. So, during the last two years we counted our blessings; now it is time to **BROADEN YOUR BLESSINGS**.

What does “broaden your blessings” mean?

Challenges abound in our lives, and we can choose to be trapped by those prisons or we can break through the walls of enclosure that keep us from seeing untold possibilities before us. The theme of **BROADEN YOUR BLESSINGS** is a spiritual and religious way of seeing through the looking glass to experience the wonder the world has to offer.

BROADEN YOUR BLESSINGS can mean learning how to say a “Baruch Ata Adonai” every time you experience something new and amazing.

BROADEN YOUR BLESSINGS can mean taking pain in your life and transforming into meaning and purpose.

BROADEN YOUR BLESSINGS can mean moving from a place of limitation to a space of opportunity – opening your mind and heart to make change, to see and vision that which you never even considered before and to move the needle of your life to even greater heights.

BROADEN YOUR BLESSINGS can mean transforming your relationship from the static status quo to the exciting “who knows what the future holds for us” options. All of these and so much more are chances to open our souls to the countless blessings before us.

The Torah teaches, “Before you are blessing and curse, life and death. Choose blessing and life.” This year’s theme at Temple is to help all of us choose blessing and in so doing, expand the quality of our lives.

In friendship,

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot is a Reform Jewish community that provides a spiritual home guided by *memory* and *mitzvah*, committed to *mentsch making* and *making meaning*.



Memory:

- We have a sacred obligation to be guardians of the past and to remember those who came before us. We stand on their shoulders.
- We shall use our collective Jewish memory to guide us on our paths.
- We will pass our tradition from generation to generation. We will cherish the past and we will create new Jewish memories for those who come after us.

Mitzvah:

- We will create a community, and by extension, a world, centered in good deeds.
- We will serve as a place where people will be inspired to do mitzvot as part of their very being.
- We will treat each other with kindness. We will be guided by the biblical dictum, “Love thy neighbor as thyself, I am the Lord (Lev. 19:18)” and the Talmudic dictum, “What is hateful to you, do not do to another person. (Hillel).” Our Congregants and Congregation as a whole will represent the best of humanity.

Mentsch Making:

- We will recognize that every human being is created in God’s Image. Our community will emulate that Holy Reflection and all will bask in its glow.
- We will teach that everyone is special and has something unique to offer our community. In so teaching, we strive to further deepen our relationships to each other, to our community and to the Eternal One.
- We will create a holy community, beginning within the walls of the synagogue and then flowing outside the walls; in which kindness abides, benefit of the doubt is common place and caring is paramount.

Making Meaning:

- We recognize that Judaism marks time as holy. From our music to our meetings, every moment will be a time to make meaning.
- We will search for meaning in all that we do. In times of joy and in times of sadness, bringing a Jewish message to those moments fills time with depth.
- We will treat each minute, from the classroom to the boardroom, as a gift from God to be used wisely.

Family Shabbat Services

1st Friday of the month

Join us for interactive Shabbat services designed for families of all ages! Each service includes a topic related to our yearly theme and the Jewish values that embody our faith and culture. Whether it's a spiritual celebration of our country's independence or a sunny Shabbat at the Beach, Services at SHM are fun for the whole family.

July 1 at 6:15 pm | Love of Our Country

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and American Independence Day as a community.



August 5 at 6:15 pm | Shaloha Shabbat! Ohana Means Family

We're getting tropical this week! You are encouraged to wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and find the "Shaloha" of Shabbat. Stay after Services for hula lessons and a Hawaiian feast.

September 2 at 6:15 pm | Be a VIP in 5783!

Join us for a Family Shabbat Service to learn how you can prioritize yourself in the new year!



UPCOMING FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES

- November 4 "Blessing for Tikkun Olam" | 2nd/3rd Grade Participation
- December 2 "Blessing for Miracles" | 6th/7th Grade Participation
- January 6 "Blessing for Trees/Nature" | 4th/5th Grade Participation
- February 3 "Blessing for Community" | 2nd/3rd Grade Participation
- March 3 "Blessing for Tzedakah" | 6th/7th Grade Participation
- April 7 "Blessing for Rainbows" | Passover Family Shabbat Service
- May 5 "Blessings of Havdalah" | 4th/5th Grade Participation
- June 2 "Blessing for the Ocean" | Family Service

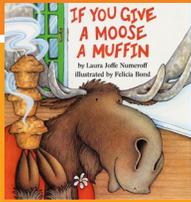
Tot Shabbat Services

3rd Friday of the month

Tot Shabbats are the perfect short service for young children (ages 0-5) to develop an excitement for being Jewish! In addition to fun themes, skits & sing-a-longs, Tot Shabbat Services offer a friendly introduction to Jewish beliefs and practices.

July 15 at 6:15 pm | Take Me Out to Shabbat!

Calling our littlest learners! Come dressed in your favorite sports jersey as we get to celebrate summer sports like baseball!



August 19 at 6:15 pm | Tot Shabbat Pajama Party

Who doesn't love to wear Pajamas out? Join us for a pajama themed Shabbat as we read the book "If you Give a Moose a Muffin."

September 16 at 6:15 pm | Sorry is the Hardest Word

Join our littlest learners as we prepare for Yom Kippur, thinking about the hardest words to say, "I'm sorry."



UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT SERVICES

- October 21 "Blessings of Sukkot"
- November 18 "Blessing for Tikkun Olam"
Pre-K, K & 1st Grade Participation
- February 17 "Blessing for Community"
- March 17 "Blessing for Tzedakah"
Pre-K, K & 1st Grade Participation
- April 21 "Blessing for Rainbows"
- May 19 "Blessings of Havdalah"

Shabbat Services

2nd & 3rd Fridays of the month

Shabbat Services at SHM are full of special guests and topics that matter to our members. From members of Congress to members of SHM, each service provides spiritual comfort and meaningful opportunities to connect with friends and family. Listed below are some of our special services scheduled throughout the year.

July 8 | The Times - They are a Changin'

Join us as we wind down the week that was, take a deep breath and celebrate Shabbat together! Rest assured, we'll have a spiritual and meaningful experience together full of music and prayer.



July 22 | with Irvine Chief of Police, Michael Kent

Chief Kent is a 19-year law enforcement veteran who has served the City of Irvine since 2002. He is the first Irvine Police Chief to grow up in Irvine and rise through the ranks from police explorer to Chief.

August 12 | Shabbat at the Beach (at Big Corona Del Mar Beach)

This special Shabbat allows us to celebrate the Sabbath by the sea, sand, moon and stars. It is fun for the whole family and inspiring for all! There is a fee for parking, carpooling is encouraged. **BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner)**



August 19 | Eyes Wide Open

We will discuss the need to see the beauty in the world with eyes wide open, so our hearts and souls feel fulfilled as much as possible.

September 9 | The Journey to a New Year of Blessings

Get ready for the Jewish New Year! How can we make this upcoming year one that is full and overflowing with blessings?



September 16 | Broaden Your Blessings

Join us for a panel discussion with Jeff Abbit, Howard Gollay and Caryn Leingang for three unique perspectives on how we can all broaden our blessings for the new year.

September 23 | Preparing for The High Holy Days

Join us for a meaningful Service as we explore the ways in which we get ready to usher in a new year.



September 30 | Shabbat Shuvah - Return Again

This night marks the time between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, focusing our souls and minds so that we might grow spiritually towards wholeness. This Shabbat that connects both holy days helps us to become all we are intended to be.

October 14 | Shabbat in the Sukkah

Join us under the SHM Sukkah as we celebrate the harvest festival in the beautiful Orange County weather! We'll have a lulav and etrog ready to shake!



November 11 | Honor Those Who Protect Us

Join us for a special Service to honor all those who have served in the military. We thank you for your service to our country.



December 16 | We are Israel and Israel is Us

Rabbi Uri Regev is an internationally renowned leader and advocate of religious liberty and the liberal movements of Judaism in his native Israel and around the world. Currently Rabbi Regev serves as the President and CEO of a new educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, "Freedom Of Religion for Israel" and of its Israeli counterpart, "Hiddush – For Freedom of Religion and Equality."



January 20 | with Artist-in-Residence, Elana Arian

Join us for a special musical Shabbat service with our incredible Artist-in-Residence, Elana Arian AND **as we offer a blessing to our diverse Chavurot.** Joining a Chavurah allows Congregants to get acquainted with one another in smaller, more intimate groups. Because of their inherent contributions towards creating a lifetime of belonging, we honor our Chavurot on this night.



February 3 | Jewish Disabilities Shabbat

February is Jewish Disability Awareness Month. Come to this Shabbat Service to learn about the blessings of having a family member or living with a disability.



February 10 | Bob Wolf z"l Community Service Award

Each year our synagogue bestows the Bob Wolf Community Service Award to one outstanding contributor to the SHM community, someone who goes above and beyond to help our Congregation thrive.



March 17 | Living a Blessed Life

Steve Goodier is an author of numerous books about personal development, motivation, inspiration, and making needed life changes. His universal message of blessings will speak to our theme for the year – how can we broaden the blessings in our lives.



May 19 | Confirmation Service

Every year our 10th grade class leads the community in a special Confirmation Service. Join us to celebrate these confirmands, as they celebrate the important role that Judaism plays in their lives.



June 9 | Board of Trustees Installation Service

Join us for a Shabbat Service to thank outgoing members of the SHM Board of Trustees, and to install next year's Board & Executive Board members for their year of service to the community.



One Voice Shabbat

Last Friday of the month

This is the sound of One Voice! One Voice Shabbat Services fill our spirit through the power of musical prayer featuring Rabbi Zive and the One Voice Band. These services will make you move and groove, each with a special theme for the month! As we broaden our blessings throughout the year, we'll focus on each of the composers that have deeply influenced our spiritual, liturgical and musical taste. Please note that Rabbi Zive and the One Voice Band will be singing melodies written by these composers and they will not be present at services.

July 29 | The Music of Klepper & Frelander

"Shalom Rav" became an anthem of 20th century contemporary Reform Judaism. During this OVS, we'll honor it's composers, along with so many more of "Kol B'seder's" greatest hits that originated on the east coast and migrated to us out west.



August 26 | The Music of Craig Taubman

Now, we start on the West Coast! We sing so much of Craig Taubman's music at SHM! We'll see how his sound transformed from Disney-style children's music to 80s synth rock to some of the most beautiful arrangements in Jewish music.



October 28 | The Music of Debbie Friedman

We can't even mention Jewish music without the matriarch of contemporary Jewish music - Debbie Friedman. From songs about Jewish food and holidays to some of the deepest settings from our traditional text, Debbie Friedman's music transcends generations.



January 27 | Featuring Artist-in-Residence, Duvid Swirsky

Duvid Swirsky joins us for our January OVS in partnership with Congregation B'nai Israel as one of our featured Artists-in-Residence. He is the co-founder of the Moshav Band and is one of Israeli music's top musicians! He'll be with us IN PERSON! You won't want to miss this!



February 24 | Classical Chazzanut *In Memory of Rosa Lee Rothblatt*

Classical Chazzanut brings a majestic, powerful and deeply spiritual sound to our prayer. During this OVS, we honor the Golden Age with Reform Judaism's most popular Cantorial settings.



March 31 | The Music of Dan Nichols

Arguably the biggest and most influential contemporary Jewish musician touring today, our musical repertoire at SHM consists of almost all of Dan Nichols' catalog. From his early classics to modern tunes, the Shireinu Project isn't as vibrant without Dan Nichols and his music.



April 28 | The Music of Rabbi Zive

Yes, it's rare that we sing Rabbi Zive's music during our services. But we'll dedicate this entire service to his melodies, songwriting and inspirations. From older to newer melodies, hear and experience it during OVS from the original source!



May 26 | The Music of The Beatles *In Memory of Esther Smith Miller*

We know the Beatles aren't Jewish, yet so much of their music has touched our souls and influenced how contemporary Jewish music sounds today! We'll incorporate Beatles music and themes to capture the essence of our prayer. Abbey Road- Michelson Drive....it's really the same on this night!



June 30 | The Music of Josh Nelson and Mah Tovv



As our final OVS of the year, we'll celebrate two immensely talented and influential Jewish bands- Josh Nelson and Mah Tovv! You'll know their music as we sing it often. They have some of the most catchy lyrics and choruses around - so we'll be sure to raise our voices in song loudly!

Shabbat Mornings at SHM

Shabbat Mornings at SHM are devoted to meaningful learning, joyful prayers, and time to strengthen our relationships and connections to ourselves and our community.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class | 8:45 AM

This October, the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class is back! See page 19 for more details.

Shabbat Torah Study | 9:30 AM

Starting this October, join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM for thoughtful study and meaningful discussions, searching the weekly Torah portion and our Jewish texts for meaning in our modern lives.

Special Shabbat Morning Programs | 10:30 AM

On select Saturdays following Torah study, once a month we will gather together for joyful song and prayer, followed by time to be together in community, with a light nosh (snack) and conversation.

October 8, 2022	January 14, 2023	April 8, 2023
November 12, 2022	February 11, 2023	May 13, 2023
December 10, 2022	March 11, 2023	June 10, 2023

Shabbat Morning Healing Service | 10:30 am

November 12 | February 11 | May 13



This year we are excited to offer a healing service, as part of our Shabbat Morning programs. We know so many people in our world are living with hurt in their lives. Whether that is physical hurt, emotional pain, or spiritual trouble, we hope you will join our healing services full of prayer, soulful music, and a healing spirit.

January 21, 2023 | NaSHiM at Shabbat Morning Services with Elana Arian

Be on the lookout for NaSHiM at Shabbat Edition, with our special Musician-in-Residence, Elana Arian on Saturday, January 21, 2023!



SHIREINU PROJECT

Hear it. See it. Live it.

Shireinu Project is back and better than ever! With concerts, song sessions and learning opportunities, this year we are reaching for the stars!



Our Shireinu Project Faculty members are the best of the best and are here to engage with you musically, spiritually and inspirationally!

Rabbi Bryan Zive | Associate Rabbi and Director of Congregational Music

Eddie Stephens | Audio/Visual Director and Assistant Music Director

Kyra Stahr | SHM Singers Director, Conductor and Educator

Gary Gould | SHM Instrumental Ensemble Director and Educator

Alex Flavell | Accompanist and Educator

Dave Roberts | One Voice Band Member, Youth Choir Co-Director and Educator



SHIREINU PROJECT

Summer Concert Series

FREE for ages 18 and under

Our Summer Concert Series kicked off in June 2022 with the One Voice Band singing “Yacht Rock’s Greatest Vibes!” In July, the popular Orange County band Undecided Future will join us with their undoubtedly cool, hip style. You’ll be blown away by their talent! Bring your chairs, some dinner and drinks and relax!

July 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm | with Undecided Future



June 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm | with The One Voice Band

July 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm | with Rabbi Bryan Zive & Cantor Amy Robinson Katz



SHM Does Broadway

Saturday, November 12 at 6:00 pm

It’s Round 4 of the “SHM Does” Concert Series! This time, Broadway comes to SHM! Complete with singers, an orchestra and your favorite show tunes. Rabbi Zive and the Shireinu Project Faculty will bring you a once-in-a-lifetime production as our main Shireinu Project annual fundraiser, right in our Sanctuary! We’ll sing all your favorites - and if you’ve attended our previous “SHM Does” concerts, you know we don’t disappoint! It’s like you’ll be hopping from theater to theater in New York City!

General Admission | \$25/person

VIP Experience from 4:30-6:30 pm | \$250/person

- Reserved premium seating
- Reserved parking inside the gate
- VIP reception with heavy appetizers, open bar and pre-show Gershwin musical experience with Grammy Award Winning pianist, Alex Flavell



Artist-in-Residence

Elana Arian | January 20-22, 2023

Elana Arian is back at SHM! Elana is one of the strongest voices in Jewish music and will be with us at SHM for an entire weekend filled with song, community and love.

January 20 | Shabbat Service

January 21 | Special Shabbat Morning Program

January 21 | House Concert at Rabbi Zive's House

Shireinu Project Supporters receive 2 complimentary tickets

\$180 per person

January 22 | Religious School Concert and Youth Choir Meet & Greet



Artist-in-Residence

Duvid Swirsky | January 27-28, 2023

As one of our featured Artist-in-Residency experiences, Duvid Swirsky joins us in partnership with Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI). He is the co-founder of the Moshav Band and is one of Israeli music's top musicians! He'll be with us IN PERSON! You won't want to miss this!

January 27 | One Voice Shabbat Service

Duvid Swirsky joins us for our January OVS in partnership with Congregation B'nai Israel as one of our featured Artists-in-Residence. Duvid Swirsky is a LA-based musician, songwriter and producer originally from Israel. He co-founded both the legendary Israeli band MOSHAV and the critically acclaimed folk/pop trio the Distant Cousins. Duvid grew up in a musical village in the hills between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, performing at an early age.

January 28 | Shabbat Morning Services at CBI



One Voice Shabbat

Last Friday of the month

This is the sound of One Voice! One Voice Shabbat Services fill our spirit through the power of musical prayer featuring Rabbi Zive and the One Voice Band. These services will make you move and groove, each with a special theme for the month! As we broaden our blessings throughout the year, we'll focus on each of the composers that have deeply influenced our spiritual, liturgical and musical taste. **The full One Voice Shabbat schedule can be found on page 10-11.**

Youth Choir

For Grades 1-12 | \$36 per participant for the year



How good it is to be able to sing again in person! Our youth bring such sweet sounds to our community and back by extremely popular demand is our Youth Choir! Led by Rabbi Zive, Dave Roberts and Kyra Stahr, anyone grades 1-12 can join! Our middle and high schoolers will act as leaders and mentors to our younger kids. Harmonies and rounds unite!

Youth Choir sings during Family Services on the first Friday of each Month.

Rehearsals are most 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month from 12:30-1:30 (lunch included)



SHM Singers

For Ages 18+ | \$36 per participant for the year



WE GET TO SING TOGETHER AGAIN! That's right, the SHM Singers will have its own contemporary style and twist. Directed by our new choral director Kyra Stahr, the SHM singers will make their debut beginning this winter! We'll sing some classical choral pieces, but will also infuse our repertoire with contemporary songs, a capella favorites and other pieces to make this THE musical group to be in. The SHM Singers will sing during Shabbat services regularly and will rehearse throughout the year, including preparing for the 2023 High Holy Days. If you like to sing and are ages 18+, join us. You'll be glad you did! Rehearsals on Select Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.



SHM Singers Shabbat Participation on
January 13, 2023
March 10, 2023
May 12, 2023
June 9, 2023

Adult Music Experience

Our programming will be hybrid (both virtual and in-person) this year with amazing educational opportunities for adults!

If you are musical or simply love music, Adult Music Experience is perfect for you! Sessions will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of the month, beginning at 6:30 pm.

We'll continue our exploration in the history of Jewish music, experience the music of famous Jewish and secular musicians, interact with some of the top Jewish music educators in North America and much more!

UPCOMING AME SESSIONS

October 12	Getting to know the new Shireinu Project Faculty
October 26	The Music of Randy Newman with Rabbi Zive
November 9	The History of Communal Singing with SHM Singers Director Kyra Stahr
December 14	Music Through the Looking Glass of Jewish History with Gary Gould
January 11	The Music of Leonard Cohen with Gary Gould
January 25	Music in the Book of Genesis with Rabbi Zive
February 8	Music in the Book of Exodus with Rabbi Zive
February 22	The Instrumentalists with Gary Gould
March 8	Jewish Tones and Tunes in Rock n' Roll with Eddie Stephens
March 22	The Music of Joni Mitchell with Rabbi Zive

SHM Instrumental Ensemble

For Ages 15+ | \$36 per participant for the year

NEW!

A brand new experience this year at SHM. Director Gary Gould is creating a small instrumental group made up of you - SHM instrumentalists - who will add your talents to our community. Any instrument will do - intermediate level and up. So if you're interested, make sure you sign up for this amazing new opportunity, beginning in Fall 2022.

Music will be provided - stay tuned for dates! (Pun Intended!)





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SUPPORTER OPPORTUNITIES

To find out more about becoming a Shireinu Project Supporter,
contact Rabbi Bryan Zive at bzive@shmtemple.org

The Band \$360

Includes General Admission tickets for your immediate family to SHM Does Broadway Show
2 adult tickets each of our other concerts throughout the year
2 "The Band" T-shirts
Website Recognition
Supporter Recognition

Director \$720

Includes ALL "THE BAND" perks, plus:
An invite up to 2 people to our "Supporting the Shireinu Project" House Concert with Elana Arian

Producer \$1,800

Includes all "DIRECTOR" perks, plus:
An upgrade for up to 2 people to our SHM Does Broadway VIP Experience
A song request for the June 2023 Summer Concert

Executive Producer \$3,600

Includes all "PRODUCER" perks, plus:
An invite to "A Night at the Rabbis" house - exclusive culinary and entertainment event
- A Dedication for one (1) One Voice Shabbat Service

Shireinu Project Platinum Patron \$10,000

Includes ALL PERKS, plus:
Upgrades for your immediate family to the VIP SHM Does Broadway Experience
A "One Voice Band" Private Performance for up to 20 of your family/friends
Autographed copy of Elana Arian's albums and Rabbi Zive's Albums

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Sunday Morning Adult Education

Select Sundays at 10:30 am

Join us once a month at SHM for a wonderful morning of learning and engagement. We'll explore our Judaism, ourselves, our communities, and especially our blessings! With exciting guest teachers and our SHM clergy, Sunday mornings are learning opportunities for the whole family!



October 30, 2022 | Rabbi Bryan Zive

Wait - There's a Blessing for That?!

Join Rabbi Zive as we explore all the shocking blessings that Judaism has to offer. How can all these funny and surprising blessings help us to expand our understanding of all the goodness hidden in our lives?

November 13, 2022 | Rabbi Sarah DePaolo

The Blessing of Brokenness

It's easy to broaden our blessings when things are going well. How do we find the blessings in the messy and even painful parts of our lives, as well? Join Rabbi DePaolo as we explore all that Jewish tradition has to offer about the blessings that can be found in brokenness.



December 18, 2022 | Rabbi Uri Regev

The Blessing of a Jewish AND Democratic State of Israel

Rabbi Uri Regev is an internationally renowned leader and advocate of religious liberty and the liberal movements of Judaism in his native Israel and around the world. We will welcome Rabbi Regev to our bimah and our community for another incredible weekend of learning about Israel and the blessings within our Jewish and Democratic state.

January 8, 2023 | Rabbi Elie Spitz

What is a Blessing and How Do You Give it to Another Person?

In the fall of 2021, Rabbi Spitz retired after over thirty years of serving Congregation B'nai Israel in Tustin! Rabbi Spitz is also the author of several books about Judaism and belief, and is a nationally respected teacher on Jewish law and spirituality.



February 5, 2023 | Rabbi Richard Steinberg

The Blessing of Mindfulness

Start the secular new year off right with Rabbi Steinberg as he explores the psychological meaning of the concept of mindfulness and its roots in Judaism. Living a more mindful life will bring untold blessings to one's existence.

March 12, 2023 | Rabbi Sarah DePaolo

The Blessing of Diversity in the Jewish Community

Not every Jewish family looks the same or has the same traditions and experiences. And we know that there are Jewish communities in EVERY corner of the world. Let's learn about the incredible diversity within the Jewish community, and celebrate the blessing of this wondrously large tent of which we are a part.



April 16, 2023 | Rabbi Richard Steinberg

"You Shall Be a Blessing" - Tell Me How!?

God promised our ancestor, Abraham, "you shall be a blessing." But how does that work? Join Rabbi Steinberg for this insightful and challenging session to learn what Judaism teaches about transforming the essence of our lives into living life as a blessing. Easier said than done, perhaps - but the opportunity is before us.



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
Saturdays at 8:45 am



Starting this October 2022, we are excited to bring back the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class! Explore Judaism and the beautiful language of our people, Hebrew. At the end of the year, our Adult B'nai Mitzvah students lead a meaningful service, read from the Torah, and celebrate their time together. Whether you are new to Judaism, or a longtime lover of Jewish learning, whether you became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah as a child, or never had the option before, this class is for you!

Please contact Brittany Graham (office@shmtemple.org), if you would like to join the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. **No prior Hebrew knowledge required.**

UPCOMING ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASSES

<i>First Day of Class!</i> October 8	January 7	April 15
October 15	January 21	April 22
October 22	January 28	April 29
October 29	February 4	May 6
November 5	February 11	May 13
November 12	February 25	May 20
November 19	March 4	June 3
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Chai Society

Chai Society is SHM's lunch & learn community. We meet at noon on the third Wednesday of the month for a delicious lunch, followed by a fascinating lecture or presentation from our featured speaker. Join us for emeritus learning meant to open our eyes to new perspectives, interesting ideas, and meaningful dialogue.

October 19, 2022 | By the Grace of the Game with Dan Grunfeld

We are excited to welcome former professional basketball player, Dan Grunfeld, joining us virtually and speaking about his family's incredible tale and the power that basketball has to unite people of all backgrounds. From the grips of the Nazis to the top of the Olympic podium, Dan's book *By the Grace of the Game: The Holocaust, a Basketball Legacy, and an Unprecedented American Game*, chronicles his family's story of survival and thriving through the grace of the game.



November 16, 2022 | Exploring the Cinema with Richard Trank

Richard Trank is an Academy Award Winning Documentary Writer/Director for Moriah Films, which is the Academy Award Winning Film Division of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. He brings his incredible experience and knowledge of film to discuss the impact cinema can have on our world.

January 18, 2023 | Eric Dubin and the Star Chamber

Our very own SHM member, Eric Dubin, will join Chai Society for an incredible presentation on the world of celebrities. Learn about famous celebrity court cases, as Eric discusses his book, *The Star Chamber: How Celebrities Go Free and Their Lawyers Become Famous*.

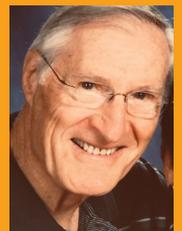


February 15, 2023 | Myrna Rasmussen: "Coping with Trauma in Our World"

The last few years have left everyone feeling raw and unsure. Temple member and clinical psychologist, Myrna Rasmussen, will help us to navigate all the trauma we see in our world today, and how we can learn to cope with all the difficulties we see and experience.

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 | The Songs of America with Herb Modelevsky

Chai Society welcomes Herb Modelevsky. In addition to a fulfilling career as a physician, Herb is an accomplished songwriter and lover of music. He will present on "Songs of America: Music that Made a Nation." Let's learn about the music that has shaped our country.



Additional Upcoming Chai Society Dates | Speakers TBD

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

June 21, 2023



30 Days of Thrills

April 23 - May 23, 2023

Get ready for a month of extraordinary and incredible experiences! There will be something for everyone! It will be just as great as last year, just a little shorter!



Look forward to:

- Ducks and Angels games in suites
- A beautiful gala and dueling pianos bar
- Universal Studios Park VIP Tickets with Backlot Tour
- Special events at each of the Rabbi's homes
- Engaging 'In Conversation' learning opportunities
- **AND MUCH MORE!**



Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more info on how you can get in on all the thrills!

American Friends of Israel Philharmonic

at the Segerstom Center for the Arts

November 3, 2022

We are so excited to have this amazing philharmonic group coming to Orange County! The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) is the leading orchestra in Israel and globally recognized as a world class symphonic ensemble. Founded in 1936 by famed Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman, the IPO performs regularly in its home, the Charles Bronfman Auditorium in Tel Aviv, as well as across Israel, including Jerusalem and Haifa. **Buy Tickets at <https://bit.ly/3J7tQOg>**



NaSHiM

SHM Women's Group

Nashim means "Women" in Hebrew, and NaSHiM is our SHM sisterhood - fostering community for the women and female-identified members of Shir Ha-Ma'alot. Through our various programs, we empower women to explore their Judaism, their families, their communities, their world and themselves. NaSHiM aims to build strong and lasting relationships amongst its members, connecting women across a diversity of experiences.

We hope you will join us for many or all of this year's exciting programs!

August 21 at 10:00 am | Tea at Ten

Start your day, and your year, off right with our annual NaSHiM kick-off brunch! We'll gather for tasty bites, tea (of course), coffee, and wonderful community. All SHM female identified members are welcome!



September 14 at 7:00 pm | Wine Wednesday

Join NaSHiM at Bacchus Bar and Bistro in Irvine for good company and good wine. No need to register, just show up!

October 22 at 4:00 pm | Hiking & Havdalah with NaSHiM

Let's connect with our community and ourselves in the beautiful outdoors! Meet-up for an easy hike or walk in nature, followed by an outdoor picnic with light snacks. Then we'll celebrate havdalah and the end of Shabbat as the sun sets over an incredible vista.



November 16 at 6:30 pm | Express Yourself!

Celebrate your creativity with NaSHiM as we gather for a relaxed evening in a local art studio. We'll have a little wine, create a beautiful painting, and most importantly - we'll definitely have fun!

December 8 at 6:00 pm | Pre-Chanukah Progressive Event

Join as NaSHiM travels to members' homes for food, a pre-Chanukah celebration, and a social action project.



January 21 at 9:30 am | NaSHiM @ Shabbat Morning with Elana Arian

This year for NaSHiM's annual Shabbat Morning program, we are so very excited to welcome special guest and musician-in-residence, Elana Arian, to this special morning filled with joyous music and prayer. Our NaSHiM sisterhood and any female identified individuals are invited to participate in this unique Shabbat morning experience. With Torah study, prayer, music, and nosh - we will nourish you mind, body, and soul!

February 23 at 6:30 pm | Classic Q Night with NaSHiM

Come out for a night like no other! Join your NaSHiM friends at Classic Q in Newport Beach, as we just hang out and enjoy a round of billiards, darts, food, and drinks.



March 15 at 7:00 pm | Bunco & Bites

This night of fun and games is open to all - men, women, however you identify! We'll schmooze, play, snack, and raise funds for an important cause.



April 2 at 4:00 pm | Women's Seder

Join us for our annual Women's Seder as we sing, pray, dance, and laugh. Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends for this wonderful celebration of our festival of freedom. We will have food and drink, as we explore the Passover rituals, and the special meaning that they hold for us today.



May 6 at 3:00 pm | NaSHiM's Outdoor Adventure

Let's go on adventure in our own backyard! Together, we will bond over an outdoor experience, learning to explore and trust ourselves and our community.



June 13 at 6:00 pm | NaSHiM Annual Membership Meeting & Potluck

The end of another great year means it is time for NaSHiM's annual membership meeting and potluck. We'll feed our souls and our stomachs as we reflect on the wonderful year that it has been and look forward to the next year ahead.



Women's Retreat

April 28-30, 2023

Back LIVE and IN-PERSON!! Join NaSHiM members as we explore Oxnard for a weekend of community and self-exploration. We'll stay at the beautiful Residence Inn River Ridge, filling up our bodies, minds, and souls for a rejuvenating retreat!

Mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for registration details to come.



Brotherhood

SHM Men's Group

The SHM Brotherhood connects the men of Shir Ha-Ma'alot by promoting Jewish values, meaningful service, and strong lasting friendships. We support our congregation and act as positive role models to all members of our community.

July 6 at 6:00 pm | Baseball Watch Party

Batter up! Enjoy an outdoor evening at Rabbi Zive's house while watching baseball and eating traditional stadium favorites! We'll have plenty of good food and drinks to make you feel like you're down at the ballpark!



August 12 at 4:00 pm | Beach Shabbat Setup

Brotherhood returns to sponsor another fantastic SHM Beach Shabbat, complete with outdoor games, s'mores, prayer and a beautiful sunset. Bring the whole family!

September 18 at 1:30 pm | Brotherhood Bowling Bash

Our second annual Brotherhood Bowling Bash is ready for another strike or two! Join us for good food and bonding as we get together to toss a few bowling balls down the lane...no not at the same time! Can you bowl a 300? Let's find out!



October 2 at 10:00 am | Brotherhood Builds the Sukkah

In what's become a time-honored tradition, the Brotherhood will come together in the SHM Backyard and construct our community Sukkah! Following the labor, relax with some good BBQ and drinks and relish in your accomplishment!

October 23 at 12:00 pm | Brotherhood Takes Down the Sukkah

What goes up must come down - at least that's what Sir Isaac Newton taught us. After enjoying a lovely Sukkot, the Brotherhood will take down the Sukkah. Food and drinks still included!



November 10 at 6:00 pm | Bible & Brews: "Morality is a Thing"

Let's study some Torah in a way that makes sense - grab a brew of your choice (be it a beer or coffee or any other beverage you'd like) and let's study the week's portion with Rabbi Zive and our brothers. We'll relate the portion, Vayera, and take a look at how to reasonably and enthusiastically be moral in a world that provides us with many challenges!

December 18 at 12:00 pm | Latkepalooza

It's Chanukah and you know what that means - it's Latkepalooza! Brotherhood and NaSHiM team up to create an early afternoon full of family, friendship and fun, filled with good food (and yes, that includes latkes!).



January 12 at 6:00 pm | Brotherhood Texas Hold'em Tournament

Get ready to show your cards (well, after the flop, that is). Bring your Hold 'Em skills to the table as we participate in our semi-annual tournament! Good food and drinks provided - show up and have a good time!



January 27 at 5:30 pm | Chardonnay Shabbat

In another classic Brotherhood event, join us for wine, cheese, crackers and more as we welcome Shabbat with this delicious pre-neg!

March 16 at 5:30 pm | Brotherhood March Madness

Get your brackets ready because it's March Madness time! Last year, we witnessed multiple upsets and had an absolute blast as our brackets busted! Join us this year for much of the same. This is a must-attend event!



April TBD | Family UCI Anteater Baseball Game

If you've yet to attend Anteater Stadium for a game, you're missing out! Bring the whole family to see UCI play! Everyone will have a great time, enjoy some outdoor fun and root on your home-town team!

May 21 at 10:00 am | Bagels and Brew at Katella Deli

Who doesn't love a good bagel? Yes, in Orange County, it's hard to find! Let's head to the place where we know good deli exists - Katella Deli! Whether it is a good bagel with lox and schmear or a pastrami sandwich (you do you!), come enjoy with the brotherhood!



June 8 at 6:00 pm | Bible & Brews: "The Position of Power"

It's round two of Bible and Brews! This time the Torah portion is B'ha'la'ot'cha. We'll discuss the triumphs and challenges of being in positions of power - be it at home, in the workplace or anywhere else. It'll be an exciting and fascinating conversation!

Men's Spirituality

Select Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Men's Spirituality is a space to discuss universal problems that all men face. Led by Rabbi Steinberg and Rabbi Zive, these monthly discussions are an opportunity for members to ask rabbis questions and guidance in a supportive environment.



UPCOMING MEN'S SPIRITUALITY DATES

October 18, 2022

January 17, 2023

May 16, 2023

November 15, 2022

February 14, 2023

June 20, 2023

December 20, 2022

March 14, 2023

Chesed

Our Chesed Committee is the soul of our Congregation. This committee focuses on the needs of our Congregants in times of joy and difficulty. When a baby is born, Chesed responds. When a loved one dies, Chesed is there. When one needs a ride to services, Chesed is there. If you would like to volunteer with this special group of people contact the Committee Chairs, Jamie Evans at jamiesevans@gmail.com or Linda Coss at linda@lindacoss.com.

Join a Chavurah!

Small Social Groups at SHM

Chavurah, Hebrew for “friendship group,” enables members of our congregation to get acquainted with one another in smaller, more intimate groups based upon compatible needs and interests. Consisting of 7-8 households, these groups meet regularly for socializing and planning religious, educational, or cultural activities. Specialty chavurot include wine tasting, hiking, single professional women, and single men. Contact Laura Van de Merghel at laura@kuci.org for more information.



Book Club

First Thursdays of the Month

Group 1 at 10:30 am (Online Only) | Group 2 at 12:30 pm (at SHM)

Our morning and early afternoon book clubs, led by member Lois Goren, are a great place to read Jewish books, historical novels and engage in discussions to dive deeper into the material.

New Member Discussions

Select Sundays at 10:30 am

September 18 | October 9 | December 4 | April 16

When you choose to join SHM, you become part of our sacred community. We look forward to getting to know you, having you get to know other new members, and hear one another’s stories. We hope to see you there!



Sunday Morning Walks

First Sunday of the Religious School Month | 10:15 am

Our Sunday morning walks are a great way to get to know yourself and your fellow community members. As our children exercise their minds at Sunday school, let's exercise our bodies and walk the neighborhood together.

Mah Jong

Every Monday | 1:00 pm at SHM

All levels welcome! Bring your own game set and meet some new friends!



Rabbi Steinberg at AME Church

Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 9:00 am

Please join Rabbi Steinberg at COR AME Church in Irvine as he preaches the weekly sermon. They have invited not just Rabbi Steinberg, but all of us to join them for their worship service at 45 Tesla, Irvine, CA 92618.

Rosh Chodesh

Introducing a new program for the women and female identified members of our Temple. Our Jewish tradition celebrates the beginning of each new month with a ritual called Rosh Chodesh, and Rosh Chodesh has always been a special time for women to gather together. Led by our clergy, our Rosh Chodesh community will gather around the time of the new moon for a spiritual exploration of what it means to be a Jewish woman in our world today.



UPCOMING ROSH CHODESH DATES

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
October 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Rosh Chodesh Kislev
November 30, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat
January 31, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Rosh Chodesh Nisan
March 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
June 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm

SHeMesh

The Shir Ha-Ma'alot Tikkun Olam Committee

Shemesh means “sun” in Hebrew, and SHeMesh is the Tikkun Olam (healing the world) committee for Shir Ha-Ma'alot.

As a Jewish community we keenly feel the brokenness of the world and believe that we are God's partner in participating in making it more whole. We intentionally and thoughtfully engage with our Jewish values, texts, and traditions to guide our ongoing work to care for the earth and our neighbors. Like a sun, SHeMesh has rays of light illuminating the darkest corners of our community.

We hope you will join us for many or all of this year's meaningful programs and help make the world more complete.

Civic Engagement at SHM

As Jews we know it is our obligation to engage with the world outside our synagogue walls. Our Civic Engagement programming at SHM provides special events and featured speakers to help educate and motivate our community. Come learn with us and become more civically engaged Orange County Jews.

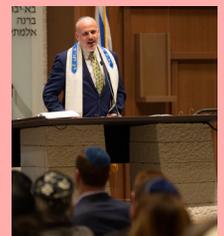


October 20, 2022 | Election Forum

The General Election, slated for November 8, 2022, will have a far-reaching impact. Join us on Thursday, October 20, for a discussion on salient local issues and a chance to hear directly from candidates in key county-wide races.

January 26, 2023 | Curating and Vetting Information on Local Issues

How do we find information that is objective and trustworthy? Learning about local issues can be vexing, especially with our dynamic news climate in the age of social media. On January 26, we will bring together experts to help us source data, filtering subjectivity, and ensuring that we are well informed on what is happening in our community.



March 9, 2023 | *Sh'mirat Ha'Adamah* - Care of the Earth Sustainability and Environmental Issues in Orange County



The Jewish value of *sh'mirat ha'adamah*, means care of the earth. As we approach Earth Day, the Civic Engagement Committee invites you to learn about how local policies are informed by environmental concerns. We will hear from a panel of experts in water, waste, and resource management to advance the imperative of folding sustainability into public policy.

Mental Health Support Group for Parents



Select Wednesdays at SHM

What do parents do when their child is ill? They take them to the doctor and get treatment.

What do parents do when their child has a mental illness? This is a much more complicated answer. Navigating the mental health system can be maddening. Working with your adult child who resists treatment is a challenge. Finding the right treatment is frustrating. This quarterly meeting will be a safe, confidential and powerful place to learn and process.



October 19, 2022 | with Rabbi Steinberg

Rabbi Steinberg, in his role as your rabbi and also as a licensed Marriage Family Therapist will provide a safe place to share and to learn.

January 18, 2023 | with Dr. Michael Schwartz

Dr. Michael Schwartz, Chief of Staff at College Hospital, will address symptoms to watch out for, medication, behavior management, therapeutic approaches, and even solution-focused care for adolescents and adults alike.



March 29, 2023 | with Rabbi Steinberg

Rabbi Steinberg will teach how to use your Judaism to help navigate the waters of mental health treatment and to help parents find equanimity in their lives.

June 14, 2023 | with Susan Taylor, JD

Susan Taylor JD, CEO of College Hospital, will address the complicated world of mental health – what is the best place and treatment for your child?



We are Israel and Israel is Us

December 16-18, 2022

Rabbi Uri Regev is an internationally renowned leader and advocate of religious liberty and the liberal movements of Judaism in his native Israel and around the world. Currently Rabbi Regev serves as the President and CEO of a new educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, “Freedom Of Religion for Israel” and of its Israeli counterpart, “Hiddush – For Freedom of Religion and Equality.”



Sharing Healthy Meals

Sharing Healthy Meals responds to food insecurity throughout Orange County. Did you know that approximately 1 in 4 Californians do not know where their next meal will come from? At UCI alone, 45% of students experience food insecurity. Join us for our mitzvah opportunities throughout the year. With our various partners all over the area, we support veterans, college students, and families in the hopes that someday no one in our world will go hungry.



UPCOMING SHARING HEALTHY MEALS EVENTS

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Yom Kippur Food Drive

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Fall Mitzvah Opportunity - *Supporting Veterans at IVC*

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Purim Mitzvah Opportunity - *Matanot La Evyonim, Gifts for those in need*

Please join us for upcoming opportunities to cook and serve at **Someone Cares Soup Kitchen**, our community partner.

Reading Partners

You can help a young child in our Orange County schools learn to love the written word! Reading Partners believes that all children deserve the opportunity to succeed. Volunteers with Reading Partners visit with an Orange County classroom on a regular basis to read with students kindergarten-third grade. Helping a child to learn to read can truly change their lives!

If you would like to learn more about volunteering with Reading Partners, please contact Rabbi Sarah DePaolo.



Jessica Herron Caring & Sharing Program

Jessica Herron grew up at Shir Ha-Ma'alot, and believed it was her responsibility to make the world a more caring place. In her honor, the Jessica Herron Caring & Sharing Program sponsors several opportunities a year to support those in dire need in our community, including our Adopt-a-Family programs for Thanksgiving, Chanukah & Christmas, and Passover.



UPCOMING CARING & SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Adopt-a-Family Chanukah & Christmas Gift Drive

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Drop off gift cards for families in need of support for Passover

Holocaust Survivor Programs

Please stay tuned for upcoming dates and times!

SHM has always been committed to supporting the Holocaust Survivors living in Orange County, and many of them have been living isolated and separated from the world for the last two years. Join us for a new opportunity to bring light to a Survivor living in our community. If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis with our Holocaust Survivors program, please contact Cherie Creager to learn more and start this important work!



Listening & Learning Book Club

Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 7:30 pm

Led by our very own Anna Worrell, this group is designed to provide a broadened understanding of various cultures, experiences, and historical context through reading sources of fiction and nonfiction, and watching movies and documentaries. This group fosters thoughtful and respectful discussion of diverse points of view in a space focused on community understanding and cohesion.

This year we are excited to announce that every other month the Listening & Learning Book Club will watch a movie or documentary in lieu of reading a book as part of their discussions. We hope you will join the Listening & Learning group for one session or for each and every one.

Please note: during the summer, this group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.



UPCOMING LISTENING & LEARNING SESSIONS

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Board of Trustees Meetings

First Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm

Charged with the oversight of the Temple's affairs, the elected members of the Board of Trustees meet monthly. Meetings are open to Congregants who wish to attend.

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Education Committee Meetings

Third Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm

Composed of members of the Congregation with a special interest or expertise in education, this group meets regularly to create and implement the vision for our Religious School.

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 am

Your voice matters! Each year a new slate of Executive Committee and Board of Trustees nominees are voted on at this meeting. The Congregation's finances are discussed and a budget is presented for approval. This meeting is open to all Congregants.

High Holy Days 5783

Services this year

To ensure the health and safety of our members at SHM, this year we will be in-person and streaming High Holy Days Services! Members will receive an email with links to reserve seats. Non-members will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for High Holy Days.

S'lichot

Saturday, September 17
9:00 pm | Dessert Reception
9:30 pm | S'lichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 25
5:30 pm | Early Service
8:15 pm | Late Service

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 26
8:30 am | Family Service
11:00 am | Morning Service
4:00 pm | Tashlikh at Corona Del Mar Beach

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 4
5:30 pm | Early Service
8:15 pm | Late Service

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5
8:30 am | Family Service
11:00 am | Morning Service
2:00 pm | Text Study
2:45 pm | Ask the Rabbi
4:00 pm | Afternoon, Yizkor & Neilah services followed by Break-the-Fast

Holidays



October 14 | Sukkot Service

This wonderful holiday is an opportunity to share in the beauty of fall, remember the trek of the ancient Israelites and celebrate the fall harvest time.

October 15 at 5:30 pm | "Sippin in the Sukkah"

Such a beautiful Sukkah deserves to be utilized to the fullest! Join us for a laid back evening as we sip on drinks and enjoy good company under the Sukkah | \$50 per person



October 16 at 10:30 am | Simchat Torah & Kindergarten Consecration

Please join us this year as we read the last lines of Deuteronomy and the first lines of Genesis. We also celebrate the learning of Torah by consecrating the newest students to our Temple.

October 17 at 10:30 am | Sukkot Yizkor Service

At Temple Beth Shalom. This Yizkor Service gives us an opportunity to remember those who came before us. More details will follow as we get closer to this event.



December 23 | Chanukah Service

Chanukah—the holiday of light—is a time to join with friends and family as our sanctuary is illuminated with the brightness of the Chanukah menorahs and the sparkle of smiles. This service will include music from our One Voice Shabbat Band.



March 5 at 10:00 am | Purim Shpiel & Carnival

Join the entire Congregation for a lively celebration of Purim with food, fun, and laughter. The joy of Judaism will come alive with song, dance, laughter, costumes, and light-hearted prayer.

April 2 at 4:00 pm | Passover Women's Seder

Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters and friends and consider inviting women of other faiths to join you! Before you prepare for Passover, take a break to celebrate the festival of freedom with other women and Rabbi Sarah DePaolo. You'll make new memories while we recall the past during our catered multi-generation Passover Seder. Guests are welcome.



April 12 at 10:30 am | Passover Yizkor Service

At SHM. This Yizkor Service provides us with the opportunity to remember those who have died recently or in years past. More details will follow as we get closer to this event.

April 18 at 6:00 pm | Yom HaShoah

Join us on Holocaust Remembrance Day for a YomHaShoah Memorial Service, with 8th grade student participation.



April 23 at 10:30 am | Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel Celebration

Join our Religious School students and Congregants as we celebrate Israel's birthday! Enjoy traditional homemade Israeli food, Israeli songs, dances and more!

May 25 at 7:00 pm | Shavuot Dessert and Study

The holiday of Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Traditionally we celebrate Shavuot with study of our Jewish texts and cheesecake! Join us for a dessert and study session to bring in Shavuot.



May 26 at 10:30 am | Shavuot Yizkor Service

At Congregation B'nai Tzedek. We pause to memorialize our loved ones, friends and family who have departed our earth. More details will follow as we get closer to this event.

Religious School

First Day of School is September 11!

At SHM, we diligently work towards the goal of creating strong Jewish identities every time we see our children. Ask any of our students and they'll tell you, "It's cool to be Jewish!" Our school's vision guides our daily interactions with our students and their families, helping to foster deeper Jewish knowledge while also giving opportunities to engage in mitzvot (good deeds), and teaching them the value of being mentsches in their everyday lives. We do this by engaging our children in meaningful learning experiences that promote inclusivity and enduring understanding of what Reform Judaism is all about. We create opportunities for our students to connect to the past (memory) and present and build relationships to not only those in their kitot (classes), but beyond those walls in Youth Group events, Shabbat services and family programming. We believe that these connections continue to build a stronger kehillah (community). And each of these values can also be translated in our SHM's mission statement. We are looking forward to this new Religious School year full of limmud (learning), laughter, and ruach (spirit)!



Early Childhood Programs

Tiny Tots (Ages 1-2)

Torah Time for Tots (Ages 2-3)

Tiny Tots and Torah Time for Tots are introductory "parent and me" experiential programs for toddlers, ages one to three, and their parents. Through play, music, art and more, our families will begin to form long-lasting friendships that will perpetuate throughout your child's Jewish education. In these programs, families will learn the basic symbols, traditions and rituals associated with the Jewish holidays.

Yeladim (Pre-K)

Our students in Yeladim (little children) will begin their discovery of what it means to be a part of Shir Ha-Ma'alot by learning about the "Four M's," the pillars of our community. During this year of religious school, Yeladim learn about Memories, how to be a Mentsch (a good person), doing Mitzvot (good deeds) and Making Meaning out of their young lives.

Gan (Kindergarten)

Our Gan students will begin to understand what it means to be Jewish today through gaining a deeper connection to our traditions and the holidays. Our Kindergarteners, along with you, will celebrate the beginning of their formal Jewish education with a Consecration service on Sunday morning, October 16, 2022.

Sunday School Kitot (Classes)

SHM is the best place to be on Sunday!

Kitah Alef (1st Grade)

In Kitah Alef, our students find their place in the chain of Jewish tradition by exploring the Torah stories from creation to our prophets.

Kitah Bet (2nd Grade)

Kitah Bet students begin to learn about Jewish lifecycle events, starting with birth/adoption with Brit Milah (circumcision) to Consecration, to B'nai Mitzvah to Confirmation to Adulthood and beyond. Being able to understand why Jewish customs exist for many lifecycle events is helpful as 2nd graders begin to experience these events in their lives. This curriculum focuses on age-appropriate discussions on this topic, and they celebrate a "friendship ceremony" as a class.

Kitah Gimel (3rd Grade)

In Kitah Gimel, the first half of the school year, they are grappling with their understanding of God, and we teach it through a Reform Jewish perspective. In the second half of the year, our students begin to learn about our people's love for Israel and explore their own connection to Israel and their Jewish identity. This learning culminates with our Kitah Gimel students leading our Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration (Israel's Independence Day).

Kitah Dalet (4th Grade)

Kitah Dalet students explore the Jewish stories and ancestors of our past (from creation to the Exodus), as they begin to make connections between our Jewish tradition and becoming mentsches in their own right. Understanding the lessons that our ancient Torah stories teach us help our 4th graders identify mensch-like choices.

Kitah Hey (5th Grade)

By Kitah Hey, the students are ready to explore what our ancient Prophets taught us about making the world a more just place. Our students will dive into those lessons and use them to become Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) warriors.

Kitah Vav (6th Grade)

In Kitah Vav, students investigate the different Jewish traditions that surround the many life cycle events in someone's life. In addition, they will learn about heroes in our Jewish tradition and consider what lessons they can take from these role models.

Kitah Zayin (7th Grade)

Our Kitah Zayin students continue their learning on Sundays of what it means to become an adult in the Jewish community during this transformative year. They will explore their own relationships with themselves, with others and with God, as well as identify a social justice topic that resonates with them, focusing on a Jewish non-profit organization and researching their mission statement and values. The culminating activity for Kitah Zayin on Sundays is that they lead the Tzedakah Fair for the whole school.

On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, our Kitah Zayin students join our Chai School program (7th-12th grades), exploring their Jewish identities, what it means to be a MOT (Member of the Tribe) and participating in chuggim (fun and engaging electives geared specifically for our teens).

Judaica

Sundays from 10:00 am - 12:15 pm

We make Judaism come alive! During class time, our Yeladim to Kitah Zayin students will explore different themes using interactive games, discussions, hands-on projects and more. Judaica class time will be enhanced each week with an opportunity to participate in one of our Judaica Enrichments: Hebrew through Movement, Israeli Dancing and Music in T'filah (prayer).

In addition, Sundays will continue to be enriched by participation in our student-chosen chuggim (electives), each of which brings Jewish tradition to life through active learning. Chuggim include: Omanut (Art), Bishul (Jewish cooking), Tikkun Olam (Social Justice) and more! Chuggim are for our 2nd through 6th graders.

Also, the entire school community gathers for meaningful and participatory T'filah (prayer) service and/or Shira (music) session.



Sibling Club

Many families have children in multiple grade-levels. And for those parents who are bringing 3rd through 6th graders for Hebrew, and who do not want to return before 10:00 to bring younger children, Sibling Club is available to simplify your Sundays!

Hebrew

Grades 3-6

Our Kitah Gimel (3rd Grade) through Kitah Vav (6th Grade) students will also be enrolled in one of three Hebrew programs. Here at SHM, learning Hebrew is not only about decoding Hebrew, but also about the meaning behind the prayers and being able to participate in services anywhere in the world.



Tuesday Hebrew

4:30 - 6:00 pm

\$100 less than Sunday Hebrew! An internal study showed that Tuesday Hebrew students learn their prayers 25% faster than Sunday-only Hebrew students, which equates to better preparation for their B'nai Mitzvah. Students attending on Tuesday afternoons for Hebrew join in a T'filah (prayer) during the program, giving them twice as much exposure to the prayers and the melodies as the Sunday program offers! This is one of the many reasons for the increased retention in Tuesday Hebrew. Tuesday dinners allow these students to create special bonds with each other from 6:00-6:30 pm each week.

Sunday Hebrew

8:30 - 10:00 am

If you choose this 1-day a week option, your child(ren) will attend both Hebrew and Judaica on the same day. The students who choose this option arrive at 8:30 am and stay through Judaica until 12:15 pm. It is a long day, but it is a great option for families who have mid-week commitments.

Individual Hebrew Instruction

Scheduled based upon your availability

If you need more flexibility in your schedule, then the Individualized Hebrew Instruction is a learning option for your child(ren). Our staff will pair you up with an SHM Hebrew teacher who will travel to your house once a week for a 45-minute one-on-one lesson. If you are interested in this Hebrew program, you must fill out a Hebrew Request form, so that we can best match you up with the appropriate teacher to fit the needs of your child(ren).

Chai School

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dinners are \$8 per student and served from 6:00 - 6:30 pm (RSVPs required)



Kitah Zayin (7th Grade)

We are excited to welcome our Kitah Zayin students to our Chai school program. B'nai Mitzvah is not the end of Jewish education! And we ask every student who becomes a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at SHM to continue through at least Confirmation (10th grade). Our Kitah Zayin students join the Chai School program on Tuesday evenings, in order to begin the transition into Jewish young adulthood. Students join with their role models in Confirmation and post-Confirmation, as well as building deep friendships with their Kitah Chet (8th Grade) friends when they attend JiFTY programming throughout the year.

Kitah Chet (8th Grade)

In Kitah Chet, students will take a deeper look at the Holocaust with a curriculum entitled, "Time and Space: Memorializing the Holocaust." Even though the Holocaust happened in Europe in the mid-1900s, students will learn that the human dynamics that gave life to it continue to exist today. They will learn our history to help ensure that we, as a Jewish people, do our part to never allow it again. Our 8th graders will help lead a Yom HaShoah (our Holocaust Memorial Day) program for the Religious School, which is the day we remember those who were lost during the Holocaust on April 18th, 2023.

Kitah Tet (9th Grade)

Our Kitah Tet students study Israel. Beginning with the history of the Jewish state, our students will build their own nuanced and thoughtful relationship with Israel.

Confirmation (10th Grade)

Taught by Rabbi Steinberg and Rabbi DePaolo, Confirmation is a transformative year as our Kitat Brit students are affirming their commitment to the Jewish people. Brit means covenant in Hebrew and the students will learn about themselves by exploring how the Ten Commandments can be applied in their everyday lives. This class will provide a fun, safe, challenging and exciting environment for our students to explore their Judaism.

Together the class will celebrate their accomplishments with a year-end Confirmation service created and led by the students themselves. **Mark your calendars for Confirmation 5783 on May 19, 2023.**

Rappin' with the Rabbi (11th & 12th Grades)

Keeping our post-Confirmation teens engaged and connected is one of our main goals of our program. Having a place where our juniors and seniors feel comfortable and connected to our synagogue is crucial for their continued Jewish lives. Join Rabbi Steinberg and Rabbi DePaolo for a discussion of today's issues. Come prepared to be engaged, challenged and of course, have fun!

Madrachim

Student Leadership at SHM!

Students in grades 8-12 can give back to their community by serving as a Madrich/a, a Guide or Teacher's Assistant, on Sunday mornings or Tuesday afternoons.

Madrachim are powerful role models for the younger students! This program will enhance not only our teens' Jewish knowledge, leadership capability and identity, but will also enable them to make a difference in the lives of younger children.

Madrachim will also take part in the Madrichim Leadership Seminar (MLS). This year, Madrichim will have the opportunity to self-select their leadership track of learning. Based on their unique interests, Madrichim can choose one of three tracks- Jewish Education, Inclusive Education or Leadership from Within. This class is designed to empower them as leaders and teach them about their work with various groups of students.

Before the school year starts all Madrichim and Teen Leaders must take part in our Madrichim Training. This session is an important part of ensuring that our Madrichim are prepared for the year ahead! **Save the date for Sunday, August 21, 2022!**



Family Connections

Parent-Child Engagement Opportunities!

We are committed to building not only Jewish individuals, but also Jewish families. We need your help in continuing important Jewish learning at home, by coming to Shabbat Services and by participating in family programming. For that reason, we offer Family Educational opportunities throughout the year that parents can participate and learn with their child(ren).

Family camps are a special day in which families join with their child(ren) and engage in learning at temple. Through original and engaging programming, families will explore Jewish ethics, celebrate Jewish holidays, study together, sing, dance, and so much more!

Yeladim/Gan (Pre-K/Kinder): March 26, 2023

Kitah Alef (1st Grade): January 29, 2023

Kitah Bet (2nd Grade): October 23, 2022

Kitah Gimel (3rd Grade): April 23, 2023

Kitah Dalet (4th Grade): December 11, 2022

Kitah Hey (5th Grade): November 6, 2022

Kitah Vav (6th Grade): February 12, 2023

Kitah Zayin (7th Grade) Off-site Retreat: October 2, 2022



Special Programs and Holidays

Mark Your Calendars!



First Day of School Kehillah (Community) Fair | September 11, 2022

Back to School Family Shabbat | October 7, 2022

Sukkot Shabbat Service & Dinner | October 14, 2022

Simchat Torah with Kindergarten Consecration | October 16, 2022

Chanukah Family Shabbat Service | December 23, 2022

Jewish Summer Camp Fair | February 5, 2023

Purim Shpiel and Carnival | March 5, 2023

Yom HaShoah (8th Grade Participation) | April 18, 2023

Yom HaAtzmaut Israel Celebration | April 23, 2023

Lag B'Omer & Last Day of Religious School | May 7, 2023

Youth Groups

Foundations of Fun!

Youth groups are an awesome way for our children to make Jewish friends, have fun and build lasting connections! To maximize these goals and more, our youth are divided by age-appropriate groups, and this year, we are proud that our youth groups will be supervised by Ann Rubin-Saraci, our new Assistant Director of Youth Education.



SHMoFTY (Grades 9-12)	JiFTY (Grades 6-8)	MiTY (Grades 4-5)	Mini-MiTY (Grades 2-3)
September 17	September 10	September 11	September 11
October 29	October 21	October 30	October 30
November 19	November 5	November 13	November 13
December 17	December 3	December 18	December 18
January 21	January 7	January 29	January 29
February 25	February 11	February 12	February 12
March 25	March 11	March 26	March 26
April 29	April 15	April 16	April 16
May 13	May 6	May 7	May 7





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S'lichot

Saturday, September 17
9:00 pm, Dessert Reception
9:30 pm, S'lichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 25
5:30 pm, Early Service
8:15 pm, Late Service

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 26
8:30 am, Family Service
11:00 am, Morning Service
4:00 pm, Tashlikh at Corona
Del Mar Beach

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 4
5:30 pm, Early Service
8:15 pm, Late Service

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5
8:30 am, Family Service
11:00 am, Morning Service
2:00 pm, Text Study
2:45 pm, Ask the Rabbi
4:00 pm, Afternoon, Yizkor &
Neilah services followed by
Break-the-Fast