

Shabbat Greeter Sign Up

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Shabbat Greeter Instructions

Shir Ami strives to fulfill the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming the visitor into our midst. You can play a vital role in helping us fulfill this mitzvah by serving as a Shabbat Greeter at a b. mitzvah service. In addition to ensuring that guests at Shir Ami are warmly greeted and feel welcome, you will have the opportunity to get a better sense of the b. mitzvah service and the environment we aim to create. For this reason it is beneficial that both parents (where applicable) and your child be present and stay for the entire service.

1. Please arrive at Shir Ami 20 minutes prior to the service (9:55 AM or 4:10 PM)
2. When you arrive, please check in with our Shir Ami Staff who will be available to help throughout the service.
3. As congregants arrive, please welcome them warmly to Shir Ami, give them a program, and be available if they have any questions about the synagogue or service.
4. Please encourage guests to sit in the middle two sections of the sanctuary as we want to maintain a greater sense of intimacy in our large worship space.
5. Please wait in the hallway for latecomers for the first twenty minutes of the service.
Remind latecomers to silence their cell phones before entering the sanctuary.
After twenty minutes, please join us in the sanctuary and participate in the service.
6. During the service, if you notice anything that could be a distraction (large groups of teens leaving at once or making noise), please do your best to intervene. We ask that you use your discretion in maintaining decorum while also being friendly and welcoming.
7. If you see a situation that requires a higher level of intervention, or if an emergency situation arises, please notify the Shir Ami Staff member, or if necessary, the security guard on duty who may assist you.

We are grateful for your help in making Shir Ami a warm and welcoming place of worship.