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A Time to Give Thanks; A Time to Shine Brightly | Rabbi Charles Briskin



RABBI CHARLES BRISKIN

Since October 7, 2023, the day that forever changed Israel, I've been living in two worlds. One world is continually filled with despair, anguish, pain, anger and sadness. Every story I read about the suffering that those murdered by Hamas terrorists, every story about the fate of the hostages, every image that shows empty place settings, empty lecture halls, and even empty strollers stirs up these aforementioned emotions. Sometimes just making it through the day is challenging.

The other world is filled with joy and (relative) normalcy. A few weeks ago our parking lot was filled with mostly dogs (and a couple of cats) for our annual Blessing of the Pets ritual that we do on the week that we read the story of Noah and his ark. Conversations about the Phillies and the Eagles remain ever present. I've celebrated

with b.mitzvah families and wedding couples, and I've led some baby naming ceremonies. I've gone to a couple of concerts and the movies as I continue to live my life (relatively) normally.

Thoughts of what is happening in Israel never leave my mind, however, sometimes I am able to push them back a little bit and allow for some joy and gratitude to come to the forefront.

As we continue through the autumn and towards winter, the days will become shorter, the air cooler. We do not yet know what these next couple of months will bring to Israel, Gaza, the worldwide Jewish community and the world as a whole. Sadly, I believe that it is going to get much worse before it begins to get better again, God willing, very soon.

However, we know that at the end of this month, Thanksgiving will come. We will gather at our tables, surrounded by close family and friends, expressing our gratitude for all of the blessings that we continue to experience in our lives—health, happiness, contentment, the support of community and family, relative stability in our lives.

I am looking forward to being with Karen's family in San Francisco this year for the first time in at least fifteen years. I usually loathe getting on a plane during the week of Thanksgiving. However, in recent years, as my Boston family's Thanksgiving has changed, the need to be with a larger gathering of family became more pronounced. Hopefully by flying on Monday night and returning Friday we will avoid the worst of it. As I celebrate around a full table, I know that I will also be thinking of Israelis who no longer have full tables for Shabbat, Passover, and other holiday celebrations. This is how both of my worlds collide continually.

Two weeks after Thanksgiving, we will light the first candle for Hanukkah. And in between, at Shir Ami, we will have a wonderful celebration to install Cantor Julie Berlin as our newest clergy. These opportunities will enable us to shine our lights brightly. Not only will we put a spotlight on some beautiful changes that Cantor Berlin is bringing to all facets of our congregation, we will also increase the light, night by night, as we add a new candle to the Hanukkah menorah.

Hannukah is important and needed for that exact reason. In a world that is physically and existentially dark, the flames of the Hannukah menorah remind us of the bright spots in our lives that we can overlook in times of trouble and despair.

I will likely continue to live in two worlds for a long time. However, I cannot allow the despair of this extended moment to completely consume me. I urge all of us to look for moments when we can offer praise and thanks to those who bring meaning to our lives. I urge all of us to find the lights that pierce the darkness. We will remember the pain while also lifting up the light and blessings in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, and may peace descend upon Jerusalem and all Israel.

MEDITATIONS & MORNING BLESSINGS

w/ *Rabbi Briskin*

Wednesdays and Fridays | 8:45am-9am | via ZOOM

Did you remember to take your Morning Meds?

15 minutes of mindfulness meditation can be a great way to jumpstart your day. Join Rabbi Briskin for a short morning ritual that includes mindful meditation, music and more. Every Wednesday and Friday from 8:45-9:00 a.m. on Zoom. *No previous experience with meditation is necessary.*

****Zoom links can be found on calendar and in weekly Shir Happenings email.**



Rabbi Chuck Briskin was recently selected to be part of the 18Doors Rukin Rabbinic Fellowship on Interfaith Outreach. He is one of 27 rabbis chosen from across the country and across the denominations to explore deep issues related to interfaith inclusion in our congregations and communities.

18Doors is an entry point to Jewish life for interfaith couples and families, and a catalyst for connection. 18Doors cultivates belonging and inclusion in Jewish spaces for people in interfaith relationships and meets people “where they’re at” - recognizing that there’s no “one size fits all” approach to anyone on their personal journey, or to any couple on their journey together. To learn more about 18Doors, check out their [website](#).

As part of this 18-month fellowship, Rabbi Briskin will be part of a cohort that meets monthly on Zoom to explore a wide range of issues related to interfaith inclusion, participate in two in-person retreats and create a capstone project.

By participating in the Fellowship, Rabbi Briskin will be continually exploring how to best serve members of Shir Ami in interfaith relationships in a way that is authentic to his rabbinate and to the Shir Ami community. Rabbinic colleagues in his cohort and the 18Doors staff who work with the Fellowship, will serve as thought partners, throughout the fellowship and beyond.

If you are interested in talking to Rabbi Briskin to learn more about this fellowship or to discuss your interfaith family’s journey, please contact him directly to set up a time to meet.

NOVEMBER | DECEMBER- WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 3

7pm Intergenerational Shabbat Service with Shir Ami Clergy and Michael Smolen featuring November birthday and anniversary blessings.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, Nov. 4

10:15am Chevrat Torah w/ Rabbi Briskin
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Burstein B'nai Mitzvah

4:00pm

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, Nov. 10

7pm Veteran's Day Shabbat w/ Choir and Special Oneg. Lt. Becca Weiss, United States Navy will offer reflections on her years of service. We will also honor each branch of the service with a musical medley of their songs. Active or retired service people, please feel free to wear your uniform.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, Nov. 11

10:15am Chevrat Torah w/ Ruth Schapira
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Eder Bat Mitzvah

10:15am

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

7:00pm Etz Chaim Hi - It is a Tree of Life Night of Learning
Ohev Shalom

Sunday, Nov. 12

9:30am Shir Sprouts Sunday w/ Cantor Berlin
Geared towards Children ages 0-4. Siblings Welcome! For ELC families & Shir Ami families with toddlers)
Elson Auditorium

Friday, Nov. 17

6:00pm K-2nd Grade Family Shabbat Experience [REGISTER HERE](#)

7:00pm Shabbat Service w/ Torah Reading
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, Nov. 18

Chevrat Torah w/ Cantor Julie Berlin
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Luber Bat Mitzvah

4:30pm

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, Nov. 24

7:00pm Shabbat Services
Join us from the comfort of your home for a service on *Zoom only*.

Saturday, Nov. 25

10:15am Chevrat Torah w/ Rabbi Paula Goldberg
Zoom Only

Friday, Dec. 1

7:00pm Shabbat Service w/ Cantor Berlin Installation
A festive Shabbat service featuring the Installation of Cantor Julie Berlin. We will share a special ceremony for her installation as we welcome Rabbi Barry Block, Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in Little Rock, Arkansas, one of Cantor Berlin's mentors, to officiate at the Installation Ceremony and to offer some words of Torah. A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow.
See details on Page 6
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec 2

10:15am Chevrat Torah w/ Cantor Flo Friedman
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Lee Bat Mitzvah

10:15am

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, Dec. 8

7:00pm Hanukkah Rock Shabbat featuring the Shir Ami band. We rock the house on this second night of Hanukkah with a creative Shabbat service accompanied by the Shir Ami band. Bring your Hanukkah menorah for a community wide candle lighting during the service. Earplugs will be provided.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec. 9

10:15am Chevrat Torah w/ Ruth Schapira
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Dalewitz Bat Mitzvah

4:30pm

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, Dec. 15

5:30pm Shir Sprouts Hanukkah, honoring PreK

7:00pm Shabbat Services w/ Choir
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec. 16

URJ 150 Anniversary in DC

Friday, Dec. 22

7:00pm Shabbat Service w/ Torah
Reading
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec. 23

10:15am Chevrat Torah
w/ Cantor Julie Berlin
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Friday, Dec. 29

7:00pm Shabbat Service
Zoom Only

Saturday, Dec. 30

10:15am Chevrat Torah
w/ Rabbi Paula Goldberg
Zoom Only

PLEASE NOTE

All Services that are held in the
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary
are streamed and can be viewed
by
clicking the
LIVESTREAM link
on the top of our
website's
home page.

Services and
programs that are
offered via Zoom will have links
in our weekly
Shir Happenings email.

B.mitzvah

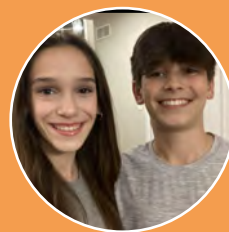
Mia & Samuel Burstein

children of Sarah & Mark
Burstein

November 4 2023

20 Cheshvan 5784

Parashat Chayei Sarah



Abby Eder

daughter of Melanie Cutler &
Jeff Eder

Nov 11, 2023

27 Cheshvan 5784

Parashat Chayei Sarah



Natalie Lubner

daughter of Jacklyn & Marc
Lubner

Nov 18, 2023

5 Kislev 5784

Parashat Toldot



Rebekah Lee

daughter of Kate & Michael Lee

Dec 2, 2023

19 Kislev 5784

Parashat Vayishlach



Madison Dalewitz

daughter of Alison & Mike
Dalewitz

Dec 9, 2023

26 Kislev 5784

Parashat Miketz (Hanukkah)

Join us!
Friday, November 10th
for a special
Veteran's Day Shabbat
7 PM at Shir Ami

with special guest speaker,
Shir Ami's own Becca Weiss,
Navy Lieutenant, who will
share her story on "Pirates
and Patriotism."



To all veterans,
**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SERVICE**
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With deep gratitude,
the Shir Ami community

This oneg is sponsored by the Eder
and Weiss families in honor of Abby
Eder's bat mitzvah and Veteran's Day.

INSTALLATION CELEBRATION STARRING

OPENING ACT

Friday, December 1
5:30pm Dinner
7:00pm Shabbat Service
w/ Oneg



ENCORE

*Tikkun Olam
Family Project*
Sunday, December 3
9:00am

CANTOR JULIE BERLIN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
7:00PM

**CHECK OUT
THE EVENT LIST
[HERE](#)**

Crossing Vineyards & Winery
1853 Wrightstown Road
Newtown

**DRESS TO
PARTY**

WINE & COCKTAILS • DJ & DANCING • FOOD & FRIENDS

RSVP here by November 17

Condolences

- John Allred on the death of his wife Marcy Schaeffer Allred
- Andrea Silverman on the death of her mother Helene Evans
- Andrew Rothman on the death of his father David Rothman

Welcome New Members

- Sara & Elan Levy and Benny
- Samantha & Zachary Silverberg
- Ashley & Zachary Bencan
- Felicia Wagman
- Lana & Matt White
- Jessica & Jason Levy
- Sarah & Evan Kleiman
- Terry & Marc Weisberg
- Lynn & Scott Rubin
- Amanda & Joel Freedman
- Nicole & Gregory Gilston
- Lisa & Jordan Reiss
- Chelsey & Matthew List

** As of 10.23.23*



Aytz Chayim Hee
Night of Jewish Learning
Saturday, November 11, 2023
7-9:30pm
at Ohev Shalom of Bucks County
944 Second Street Pike
Richboro, PA 18954

Sponsored by:
Brothers of Israel
Congregation Beth El
Congregation Kol Emet
Kehilat HaNahar
Ohev Shalom, Shir Ami
Temple Judea, Tifereth Israel



7:00 Arrival and Havdalah
7:30-8:15 First learning block
8:15-8:45 Oneg / Schmooze
8:45-9:30 Second learning block

sessions will be taught by
Bucks County Clergy & Educators

Registration is a must.
Register here.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT SHIR AMI WELCOMES THE JAFFE FAMILY



FAMILY MEMBERS AND OCCUPATIONS, AGES/GRADES OF CHILDREN, PETS:

Jordana: CEO of Your Happy Helpers, Virtual Assistant Agency

Gena (pronounced Jenna): Entrepreneur

Parker: 6.5 Josie: 3.5 Blue: cat, 2

NEW HOME: Newtown, Pa (Goodnoe Elementary)

WHY YOU JOINED SHIR AMI: To be a part of a close-knit community that offered lots of activities for kids

HOW YOU SPEND YOUR FREE TIME/HOBBIES: Game & movie nights and hanging out with family

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: Bethany Beach, Delaware (the last trip we took)

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Oishi and Jules **SPORTS TEAM:** Eagles and Phillies

FUN FACT: We met on the NYC subway, we both happened to get on the Bryant Park stop - years later, we named our son Parker Bryant to memorialize that moment

FAVORITE MUSIC: Imagine Dragons **FAVORITE FOOD:** Mexican

FAVORITE QUOTE: Live as though your prayers have already been answered

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

We Pray for Healing of Body, Mind and Spirit for:

Jay Alexander
Arlene Applebaum
Joshua Banner
Bunny Barschi
William Berger
Ken Bieber
Laurie Braun
Carol Cherson
Eric Cherson
Barbara Paley
Cohen
Mary Dayen
Diane Dienstman
Claudia Digesu
Mona Feldman
Arthur Fisher
Elaine Geiger
Rylee Gersten
Howard Jordan
Goldberg

Irv Goldfinger
Zachary Hirsh
Albert Jones
Marvin Kalafer
Richard Kaplan
Steven Katz
Karen Katz
Ruth Kranetz
Adam Kritzer
Nancy Lever
Amy Lasner
Loralee Love
Miriam Necowitz
Kaye Paletz
Meryl Paletz
Ann Pollock
Linda Pura
Ronit Rackowski
Robert Rosen
Mark Rothbardt

Larry Schaeffer
Arthur Schimmel
Rick Shelly
Marilyn Sheniak
Lidia Solomonov
Karin Surkin
Anne Timmons
Ira Tabas
Susan Weisberg
Susan Westheimer
Rabbi Eric Wisnia

**Please take a moment to
review the Refuah Shleimah
list. If there is anyone who
should be added or removed,
please email
jodie.levinson@shiramipa.org**

KADDISH LIST IS AVAILABLE ON THE SHABBAT HAPPENINGS EMAIL THAT IS SENT OUT ON THURSDAYS

On the anniversary (*yahrzeit*) of the death of your loved one, it is customary to light a candle in memory of that person. The *yahrzeit* candle burns for twenty-four hours serving as a sacred and somber symbol of your mourning while framing this period of remembrance (*yizkor*). Before lighting the candle, you may choose, on your own or with family and friends, to recall the everlasting gifts that your loved one left behind for you to cherish and protect. As you prepare to light the candle, you may recite this benediction to help you focus your attention and to create an intention for this solemn moment.

"Ner Adonai nishmat adam; The light of god shines in our soul." (Proverbs 20:27)

[I/we] give thanks for the blessing of life, for companionship, and for memory.

Our tradition teaches us that we never lose those we love, for love is stronger than death.

So [I/we] kindle this light now, and as it burns, so may the memory of _____ continue to be an inspiration.

(From the CCAR Rabbi's manual;2015)

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR 2023-2024 CIRCLE OF GIVING DONORS

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**Donations as of 10.20.23

To donate to the Circle of Giving Fund:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

**Please make checks payable to Shir Ami and mail to:
101 Richboro Road, Newtown, PA 18940**

Donors at all levels will be recognized monthly
in the Shiron.

- ☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to "Shir Ami")
- ☐ Please bill my account (in accordance with my current payment plan)
- ☐ Please have the office contact me to discuss payment arrangements

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT CIRCLE OF GIVING:
215.968.3400 | pnordlinger@shiramipa.org

____ YES, I would like to be a member of Circle of Giving for the fiscal year July, 2023 through June, 2024. I pledge, in addition to my full Shir Ami dues, the following contribution to the Circle of Giving:

- ☐ **\$10,000** - Chazak (Strength)
- ☐ **\$7,200** - Tzedek (Righteousness)
- ☐ **\$5,400** - Chesed (Kindness)
- ☐ **\$3,600** - Ahava (Love)
- ☐ **\$2,500** - Chaver (Friend)
- ☐ **\$1,800** - Simcha (Joy)
- ☐ **\$1,000** - Kavod (Honor)
- ☐ **\$720** - Shalom (Peace)
- ☐ **\$540** - Beracha (Blessing)
- ☐ **\$360** - Chai (Life)
- ☐ _____ (other amount)



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Stephanie Kravatz

It was so nice seeing so many of you during the High Holidays. In my Yom Kippur speech, I challenged everyone to become more engaged, to see the power of our community and to help grow and sustain our synagogue.

People often ask me what is the value of synagogue membership. You and I know that the answer to that question evolves as we do. During the years when their children are young you will find families participating in preschool gatherings, religious school programs or intergenerational shabbatot. As the children grow older and leave the home, many “empty-nesters” try to find a new connection to the synagogue that doesn’t revolve around their children.

When I began my Presidency, my first task was to assign our board members to the various Shir Ami committees. It’s not just board members who populate these committees though. They should be populated by members from all sections of our congregation. Are you interested in Education? Join our preschool, religious school or youth com-

mittee. Do you have a financial background? Join our finance or philanthropy committees. Is engagement your cup of tea? We have membership, communications and marketing, inclusion and the chesed/caring committee. Shir Ami prides itself on our Tikkun Olam initiatives. We don’t just collect food on Yom Kippur, but rather our food bank serves the Bucks County community all year long. Join us for food sorting events on Sunday mornings. Help out with our Code Blue efforts as we house and feed the homeless in December or help all year round as we prepare bagged lunches for the Reach Out Foundation. Engage with others as we tackle social justice and advocacy issues as part of the Reform movement’s Religious Action Center. Please don’t forget that our congregational auxiliaries; Women of Shir Ami, Men’s club and Shaak are always looking for people who are interested in socializing and advancing Tikkun Olam efforts. If joining a committee feels like too much of a commitment, join our book club or come to a lifelong learning event. Play Mah Jongg or canasta. Sing in the choir, play in the band, pray at Chevrat Torah Shabbat morning minyan. Meditate with Rabbi Briskin, join our baking group, or send

cards to fellow congregants who are ill. Make a dinner for a meal train. Help us plan the Cantor’s Installation Party or Purim or Chanukah or the golf tournament.

There’s soooo much to do! You just need to take the first step!

In order to support all of these programs we rely on your generosity beyond your affiliation fees. The Circle of Giving Fund enables Shir Ami to provide robust educational experiences for learners of all ages and meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth. It helps us to create a lasting impact on our community

through Social Justice initiatives and to connect with each other through dynamic social activities. Thank you to those who have made contributions in the past year and a special thank you to those who have recommitted themselves to helping our community thrive this year. If you want to help sustain and grow our congregation, I ask you to consider making a donation to the Circle of Giving this year.

This year, my pledge for 5784 is to grow Shir Ami and make everyone feel welcomed.

This year, I challenge you to embrace the power of our community, to cherish it and to support Shir Ami.

This year, pledge to be present, committed and engaged. You’ll know what the value of synagogue membership is and I know you will find it to be meaningful and rewarding.



**Past Presidents’ Torah Processional
Kol Nidre 5784**

LIFELONG LEARNING NOV | DEC

Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel Led by Rabbi Eric

Thursday, November 2 | 7pm

Stevens Atrium

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Introduction to Judaism Series: presented by Bucks County Clergy and Miller Introduction to Judaism

Thursday, November 2 | 7pm

via Zoom

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Etz Hayyim Hee—It is a Tree of Life: A Night of Jewish Learning

Sponsored by the Bucks County Clergy Council and hosted by Ohev Shalom

Saturday, November 11 | 7pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)



GOLDEN SLIPPER GEMS

IN PERSON AND ZOOM PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY BUILDING
THROUGH LEARNING AND
EXPERIENCE

Gems focus is on older
adults living active and
engaged lives

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<https://goldenslippergems.org/bucks-county/>



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if interested:
msmeryl23@gmail.com

NIGHTTIME BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS Open to All

We read contemporary fiction and have engaging discussions, led by our readers. Yes, we talk about the book.

**Join us on the second Monday of every month
7:30 pm | Main Office Conference Room**

Monday November 13
The Town of Babylon by Alejandro Varella

Monday December 11
Birnam Wood by Eleanor Catton



HOW TO ACCESS REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD) FOR SHIR AMI DONATION

At what age do the required minimum distribution rules apply?

If you are at least 73 this year you must continue to make annual minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRA.

If you turned 72 last year and delayed taking RMD until this year, your first RMD had to be taken by 4/1/23, and your second RMD must be taken before 12/31/23.

If you turned 72 this year, your first RMD needs to be taken in 2024.

Your RMD is treated as ordinary taxable income. Failure to make RMD will result in a 25% tax penalty on the amount not withdrawn.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

You can avoid tax on an RMD by causing your IRA custodian/trustee to pay the funds directly to Shir Ami. A QCD amount, up to \$100,000, will count towards a required minimum distribution. The QCD paid directly to Shir Ami is not treated as taxable income, nor is it characterized as a deductible charitable contribution.

While above discussion deals with interplay of RMDs and QCDs, you can commence taking QCDs at age 70 ½, i.e., before RMD rules apply to you.

Benefit of QCD

Tax savings using QCD is achieved at multiple levels depending on your amount of adjusted gross income and amount of deductions claimed. At minimum, if taking the standard deduction, QCD savings is the amount of distribution at your marginal income tax bracket. Absent the QCD amount, Medicare Parts B and D premiums could be higher depending on level of adjusted gross income. The 3.8% surtax on net investment income would also be impacted if the threshold on income would otherwise be reached if RMD was included in income absent utilizing QCD.

What does it mean to keep kosher?

Why are the Jewish holidays at different times every year?

What do we believe about life after death?

Explore the answers to these questions and more with **INTRO TO JUDAISM**

A community learning program presented by the clergy of Bucks County

Classes take place
Thursday evenings via Zoom
starting November 2
7pm
(18 sessions with breaks for holidays)

REGISTER HERE

\$180 / person
\$250/ couple

This class is for people who are Jewish and not, who want to learn more about Judaism, its holidays, traditions, history, and more.

Whether you are rediscovering your heritage, converting to Judaism, or want to understand your partner's traditions, this class is for you.

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

Beth El Yardley
Brothers of Israel
Kehilat HaNahar
Kol Emet

Ohev Shalom
Shir Ami
Temple Judea
Tifereth Israel



Use phone to register





Game Show Night At Shir Ami

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH @ 6:30PM

Shalom Hall at Shir Ami

Brought To You By
The Women Of Shir Ami



GAME SHOW NIGHT

Table Feud- Spinner Of Fortune - PA Says
3 Games, Tables vs. Tables, with... Real Prizes!!!

Free Dinner and Show for Paid Members

Bring feminine products to donate to "I Support Philadelphia Girls."

After paying your membership dues,

RSVP by 11/8 on the Shir Ami website:

<https://www.shirami.org/event/wosa-paid-up-membership-event.html>

Contact Amy Kirsh at 215.593.4711 or Debra Shain at debrashain@comcast.net with questions

I'ts not to late to
join
Women of Shir Ami
and attend our
Paid-Up
Membership
Game Show Night

[Join WoSA Here](#)



VODKA TONICA HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

a Women of Shir Ami Event

Monday, December 11
7pm | Shalom Hall

FREE to WoSA members
\$10 for non-members

Optional
\$25 Gift
Exchange

[Registration &
Details Here](#)

WOMEN OF SHIR AMI

Happy New Year, Happy New Start | Nancy Axler



NANCY AXLER

It's that time of year! Our big membership drive has been in full force, and now it's time to celebrate together. In barely two weeks we are hosting our paid-up membership dinner, and we're excited to entertain you with

Bob Scott's Game Show Night!

Gather with us for an evening of Italian Food while playing alternate versions of Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud, and PA Says. It's all FREE if you've paid your membership dues so go to the Women of Shir Ami page of the website to RSVP. Let us know if you want us to reserve a table for you with specific women or if you're looking to meet a few new friends.

At the event, we will be collecting donations of feminine products to be donated to "I Support Philadelphia Girls." Please feel free to bring copies of a few well-loved recipes, too, that we can include in a cookbook of our favorite foods.

We also invite you to join members from the Women of Reform Judaism for a luncheon and tour of the Marie Laurencin exhibition at the Barnes Foundation. Join your friends from other local synagogues to enjoy over 50 works being presented from this French artist. If you have the time, you can come with us on the way there to help at the Jewish Relief Agency, preparing food packages for delivery to those in need. It's a great opportunity to be compassionate and appreciative all in one day, and you won't even have to miss an Eagles game.

Then we'd love for you to attend our annual Hanukkah party on December 11. The theme is Vodka Tonica for Hanukkah. Share some snacks, enjoy a pleasing beverage, participate in our gift exchange, and make some fun memories as we celebrate the Festival of Lights together. Cooking oils will be collected at this event to be donated to Shir Ami's food pantry.

So mark these dates on your calendar:

- Now through November 26 – Hanukkah Candle Sales (benefits Shir Ami Food Pantry)
- November 12 – Marie Laurencin Exhibition at The Barnes Foundation with WRJ
- November 15 – Game Show Night (Free Paid-Up Membership Dinner)
- December 3 – Pre-ordered Hanukkah Candles Pick-up
- December 11 – Vodka Tonica for Hanukkah (with Holiday gift exchange)
- November 12 and December 17 – JRA Food Packing

Many more events are in the works. Are you interested in learning to play mahjong? We'll be offering lessons for a few Sunday mornings later in the year. Don't forget to order your 2024 mahjong cards from our Gift Shop. Then, we'll be getting ready to help at the ELC Sweetheart Dance, Purim Carnival, and our annual Women's Seder so there are plenty of opportunities to have some fun. Keep your eyes out for social events and pop-up happy hours, too. If you're interested in helping, we'd like to design an event for younger tykes to enjoy time with their significant Women of Shir Ami members. Your ideas would be welcome. Contact me, and I'll connect you with our events committee.

As a member, don't forget that you can appreciate a 15% discount on most items in our gift shop, located across from the main office in the center of the building. That's where you can pick up your pre-ordered Hanukkah candles while you find a great gift for friends and loved ones. Choices include traditional holiday items, picture frames, jewelry, candlesticks, mezuzahs, books, tallit, child-friendly items, and more. Contact Cari Sacks-Witten to make an appointment on days when the gift shop might not be open.

In the meantime, the Women of Shir Ami—ordinary women doing extraordinary things—hope that your Thanksgiving celebrations are filled with joyous family time and special memories.



HARMONY

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Shir Ami Theatre Club
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RSVP by November 27

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SUNDAY FUNDAY W/ CANTOR BERLIN

Sunday, November 12
9:30am | Elson Auditorium

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- ✓ Music
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Shir Ami families with toddlers







HANUKKAH

happenings

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7pm Whole Latke Love: Intergenerational Rock Shabbat in Shalom Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

11:30am SHAFTY K2Club Hanukkah Event in Shalom Hall

1pm-3pm Hanukkah in the Borough on State Street and Hamilton Street, Doylestown, PA [by the big Dreidel]

4pm-6pm ELC Hanukkah Party in Shalom Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

5pm-6pm Bucks County Kehillah Hanukkah Celebration at Shady Brook Farm, Yardley

7pm WoSA Vodka Tonic Hanukkah in Shalom Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

6pm Menorah lighting following Religious School w/ treats provided by WoSA

6pm-8pm Hanukkah Hop [3rd-6th grades] in Shalom Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12pm Hanukkah Themed Lunch & Learn

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\$120 per case/ 12 boxes per case

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You can use a dollop of almond butter as "glue" to hold the flames in place. Make sure that one slice of banana is longer for the middle shamash candle!

Check out our [Pinterest Page](#) for other fun holiday ideas!

Women of Shir Ami

Hanukkah Candle Fundraiser

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\$16/box

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\$70 per participant

**Register [HERE](#) no later than
October 30th**

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YOUTH GROUPS**

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Help us honor FERNE LEVY

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For many years our youth lounge
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TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!



NOV. & DEC. Reach Out Foundation Wednesday Lunches

We are happy to support the Reach Out Foundation, a drop-in center, located in Penndel. They provide a place for the homeless to come Monday - Friday from 7:00am - 7:00pm. While at the center, folks can warm up, receive services, shower, do their laundry, watch TV and receive three meals a day.

Shir Ami is proud to offer our continued support of the homeless by providing lunch every Wednesday.

We ask that you select and provide 20 of each from the suggested items listed below:

- Sandwiches in ziploc baggies or Casseroles (that serve 20), in a disposable tin
- Fruit
- Desserts
- Juice Box or Water

Please do the food prep at home and deliver to Shir Ami's kitchen by 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

We also need 1 volunteer to deliver our collection to the Penndel facility by 12 noon on Wednesday. (152 Monroe Avenue in Penndel)

We hope you will participate by joining us in this important mission. Your contributions as well as your time and support are greatly appreciated.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE

If you have any questions you may contact us.

Barbara Roth - bsroth66@yahoo.com | Essie Cherkin - echerkin27@yahoo.com

BE A “KEEPER” OF JEWISH EXCELLENCE THIS YEAR

Shir Ami is pleased to present our **Keepers of Jewish Excellence** program, allowing all members the opportunity to study throughout the year. Please consider becoming a “Keeper” at Shir Ami. Your donation supports all of the important mitzvot of learning and prayer that we share, and what’s more, allows us to continue our Shir Ami Lifelong Learning programs. “Keepers” will be recognized in the Shiron for their generosity.

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TO SUPPORT CARING FOR FRIENDS

1. Contact the Shir Ami office for foil trays (215) 968-3400
2. Fill large section with a protein (i.e. turkey or veggie protein)
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We are **DEVOTED** to educating all who seek a greater understanding of our traditions, values, and practices.

We are **COMMITTED** to connecting with each other, cultivating spiritual growth, creating a just and compassionate society, and supporting Israel and our Jewish family worldwide.