

SHIRON

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Shanah Tovah 5783



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SHIR AMI
Many voices. *One song.*

FROM OUR RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Charles Briskin



RABBI CHARLES BRISKIN

Because I am writing this article in late July and because I have spent most of this month at URJ Camps, it should come as no surprise that summer camp is very much on my mind. Therefore, as we prepare to enter

into the High Holy Days season and begin 5783 in search of fresh opportunities for growth, renewal and meaning making, I am taking some lessons of camp and applying them to Shir Ami.

First is the lesson of small communities of meaning. When our kids are at camp, they are part of a holistic, loving and nurturing community where they form friendships and become the best versions of themselves. For many, camp is where they feel most safe and secure, and where lifelong friendships are forged. These relationships often begin in their cabins; groups of 10-14 campers who come from different places and bring their unique selves to a group living environment. They quickly form friendships and community simply by being part of that small group that is together all the time.

Second is the lesson of larger communities. Each cabin is part of a larger unit. Camp Harlam, for example, has grade level units, meaning that all rising 7th graders are in the same unit. Unit programming means that campers from different cabins come together for fun, learning, playing, singing, praying, and more. They are able to branch out and meet more kids their age and expand their circle of friends, and create even stronger connections.

The last is the lesson of one community. On Friday nights and Saturday mornings, as well as other times throughout the week, the entire camp community comes together as one Camp Harlam family. On Shabbat, all campers, counselors, and staff gather in the Chapel on the Hill or the Chapel in the Woods to celebrate Shabbat as their fellow

campers help lead services adding beauty and depth to the service.

I reflect on the meaning of camp communities because I believe that Shir Ami can aspire to be like a camp community. Imagine if we created our own “bunks” of 10-12 people, who share a similar interest or demographic background, and who want to deepen friendships. Imagine that periodically groups of “bunks” come together for a larger gathering of meaning and purpose to celebrate, share, reflect or learn. Think about the power of the entire Shir Ami community coming together as one, whether for Shabbat, High Holy Days, or a special event where all of our “bunks” and “units” join together.

Creating community takes hard work. Camp Harlam has a large and devoted team of counselors, specialists and staff who make sure that everyone is taken care of, and that nobody feels left out. Imagine if Shir Ami developed a team of folks—board members, greeters, a welcoming group or caring committee who work hard to make sure that everyone at Shir Ami feels seen, heard, and taken care of. Imagine how strong and loving our community could become.

Over the past few months, we have held meetings as part of a “listening campaign” to learn more from you about what “community” means to you, and how Shir Ami can help be a more supportive and nurturing community. One outcome that we will launch after the High Holy Days will be the formation of “small groups,” intentionally created groups based on demography or interest that will help bring people together, especially people who don’t know one another very well. These small groups will gather four to six times a year, most often outside of the synagogue, to develop relationships based on common interests or experiences.

For example, if you are a new or recent empty nester; imagine having periodic gatherings throughout the year, whether

social or more focused on a topic, to explore what it means to enter this new stage of life.

Imagine, after having created a meaningful small group, new friendships form so that when you come to Shir Ami for a larger program or event, there are more familiar faces, or simply that you feel more connected to the larger community.

This program is ambitious. It will take time, effort, and buy-in to get it off the ground. If some of the ideas mentioned here pique your interest and curiosity; if you'd like to create closer connections to other Shir Ami members based on shared interests or demographics; if you'd like to be part of the transformation of Shir Ami into a more loving, nurturing, and relational community, then let us know. Fill out the form [linked here](#) and we will be in touch.

Camp community can be among the strongest communities. May we endeavor to bring the power of camp communities to Shir Ami as we build a loving, nurturing and supportive Shir Ami community.

-Rabbi Chuck Briskin

MEDITATIONS & MORNING BLESSINGS w/ Rabbi Briskin

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

Join Rabbi Briskin twice a week as he leads a brief ritual to start the day. He will share a couple of traditional morning blessings, read a piece of poetry and enjoy several minutes of mindfulness meditation. This practice is a great way to center ourselves and to create some calm before the busy-ness of the day ensues.

No previous experience with meditation is needed; just an open mind to a new experience.

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



MORNING COFFEE w/ RABBI BRISKIN

2nd & 4th Thursday
of the month.
9:30am via ZOOM

Rabbi Briskin welcomes you to join him for a cup of coffee and conversation about anything that is on your mind (and appropriate to be discussed with a group). It's a nice way to meet other people from Shir Ami and enjoy casual and open conversations.

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

Upcoming Dates: 9/8, 9/22, 10/15, 10/27



This summer more than 30 Shir Ami campers and staff attended URJ Camp Harlam, Camp Newman, Six Points Sports, Six Points Creative Arts, Six Points Sci-Tech and NFTY in Israel. Join us on Friday Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m. for our Camp Reunion Shabbat Service.

SEPTEMBER SHABBAT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, September 2

6:30pm Camp Reunion Shabbat
Outdoors (weather permitting)

Saturday, September 3

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Led by Andy Lasner
Zoom Only

10:15am Bat Mitzvah of Lillian Smolen

Abraham Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, September 9

7:00pm Shabbat Service
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, September 10

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Friday, September 16

5:30pm Shir Sprouts
7:00pm New Member Welcome
Shabbat w/ Dinner & Shir Sprouts
*Stay tuned for updated information
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, September 17

10:15am Chevrat Torah
8:00pm Selichot w/ Bucks County
Kehillah
via Zoom

Friday, September 23

7:00pm Shabbat Service
ZOOM ONLY

Saturday, September 24

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Friday, September 30

7:00pm Shabbat Shuvah Service w/
Dedication of Yahrzeit Plaques
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

OCTOBER SHABBAT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 1

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Friday, October 7

7:00pm Shabbat Service
Zoom Only

Saturday, October 8

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

10:15am Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Silverman

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, October 14

7:00pm Intergenerational Shabbat
Sukkot & Consecration
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, October 15

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

Sunday, October 16

9:30am Simchat Torah & Yizkor
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, October 21

7:00pm Shabbat Services
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Saturday, October 22

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

4:30pm Bar Mitzvah of Alex Pollner

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, October 28

7:00pm Shabbat Services
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

OCTOBER SHABBAT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Continued

Saturday, October 29

10:15am Chevrat Torah
Chodorow FLC & Zoom

4:30pm Bar Mitzvah of Evan Rubenstein

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

REMINDER

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, October 10
12:00pm

Lunch and Learn in the Home Sukkah of Rabbi Briskin. Join Rabbi Briskin for an hour of study and conversation. Feel free to bring your own lunch.

Other snacks will be provided.

Mark Your Calendar for These Special Services

Friday, September 2

6:30pm CAMP REUNION SHABBAT

This summer more than 30 Shir Ami folks spent time on a URJ Summer experience. Join us for our Annual Camp Reunion Shabbat filled with familiar camp songs and camper reflections led by some camp-style songleaders. This Intergenerational Shabbat Service will also feature birthday and anniversary blessings for all those celebrating in September.

TIME CHANGE REMINDER

Friday, September 9

7:00pm Shabbat Service

We return to the sanctuary for Shabbat services. Note the 7:00 start time. Available as well on Livestream.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, September 16

5:30pm

Shir Sprouts

7:00 p.m.

New Member Welcome Shabbat & Shir Sprouts

Join us as we welcome all those who have joined Shir Ami in the last year. A special dinner for New Members will be provided and a festive oneg Shabbat for all will follow the service. *New Members will receive a separate invitation for the dinner.

Friday, September 23

7:00pm Shabbat Service

As we prepare for Rosh Hashanah, join us for a Zoom only Shabbat service from the comfort of your home.

ZOOM ONLY

Friday, September 30

7:00pm

Shabbat Shuvah Service w/

Dedication of Yahrzeit Plaques

During this special service between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will dedicate the new Yahrzeit Plaques that will adorn our Yizkor Wall of Memory.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary



Friday, October 7

7:00pm Shabbat Service

As we recover from the intensity of the High Holy Days and make the transition to the joy of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, we will gather on Zoom only for a lovely Shabbat service held from the comfort of your home.

ZOOM ONLY

Friday, October 14

7:00pm Intergenerational Shabbat Sukkot & Consecration

Join us for this special Shabbat service during which we will welcome our newest Religious School learners with the ceremony of consecration. The service will be preceded by a light Shabbat dinner and followed by a festive oneg Shabbat. Details to come.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Sunday, October 16

9:30am Simchat Torah & Yizkor

Join for a community wide celebration of Simchat Torah. We will unroll the entire Torah, chant the last verses of Deuteronomy and the first verses of Genesis, and have opportunities to celebrate this joyous holiday. At 9:30, please join Rabbi Briskin for a reflective Yizkor service. Simchat Torah celebrations will take place from 10:30-11:30.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

Friday, October 28

7:00pm Shabbat Services

Our monthly Friday night Torah service returns. Join us for a Shabbat service during which we will include a Torah reading.

Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

B.mitzvah

Lillian Smolen

daughter of Rachael and Michael Smolen

September 3, 2022

7 Elul 5782

Parashat Shoftim



Matthew Silverman

daughter of Allison and Evan Silverman

October 8, 2022

13 Tishrei 5783

Parashat Ha'azinu



Alex Pollner

son of Liza and Michael Pollner

October 22, 2022

27 Tishrei 5783

Parashat Noach



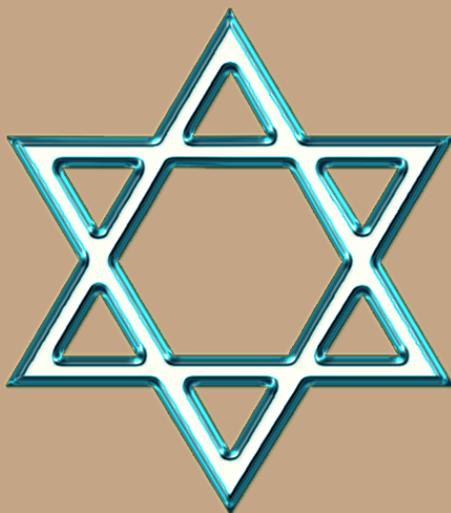
Evan Rubenstein

son of Melissa and Brian Rubenstein

October 29, 2022

4 Cheshvan 5783

Parashat Lech-Lecha



Condolences to:

- Faith Bowers & Meryl Reis on the loss of their father, Erwin Lewis
- Dara Dayen on the loss of her mother, Audrey Winston
- Judy Mann on the loss of her father, Stanley Gale
- Lisa Stark on the loss of her mother, Norma Bernstein
- Marilyn Halpern on the loss of her husband, Sheldon Halpern
- Diana Turek-Gever on the loss of her aunt, Rosalind Willensky
- Rachael Frank on the loss of her father, Arthur Fisher
- Bob Wolk on the loss of his wife, Miriam Wolk
- Loved ones of Sylvia Lefcourt
- Rick, Steven & Charles Silverman on the loss of their mother, Dorothy Silverman
- Beth LaPat on the loss of her father, Edward Gaynor
- Nancy Goodman on the death of her sister, Beth Goodman

Mazel Tov to:

- Linda Brown on the engagement of her daughter Shira Brown to Dani Kolat
- Columbo & Wendy Sosky on the birth of their grandson, Julian Sosky
- Diana Turek-Gever & Harold Gever on the birth of their granddaughter, Vera Gem
- Deb & Jim Pellen on the marriage of their son Zachary Pellen to Cantor Elizabeth Flynn
- Margie & Harvey Abramson on the birth of their granddaughter, Sydney Laura
- Julie & Ken Standig on the birth of their granddaughter, Mariel Loren
- Lindsay & Blake Rosenberg on the birth of their daughter, Ariella Sophia
- Rabbi Emily Ilana Losben-Ostrov for being named the Clergy Person of the year 2021-2022 for New Hanover County (Wilmington), North Carolina by the NAACP

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

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

Stuart Albert
Kiley Anderson
Abraham Meir Moshe ben Miriam
Bunny Barschi
William Berger
Ken Bieber
Harriet Brecher
Connie Callis
Essie Cherkin
Eric Cherson
Barbara Paley Cohen
Jay Crystal
Moshe Dovid Ben Ada
Mary Dayen
Claudia Digesu
Tim Egan
Arthur Fisher
Mickey Fleischman
Barbara Friedland
Linda Frank
Elaine Geiger
Jordan Goldberg
Rabbi Paula Goldberg
Irv Goldfinger
Bonnie Goldstein
Marcy Goldstein

Dave Goodman
Susan Gorgas
Lauren Grossman
Zachary Hirsh
Kim Hyman
Albert Jones
Karen Katz
Keith Kessler
Adam Kritzer
Amy Lasner
Jay Lasner
Barbara Lefkoe
Marcie Levenstein
Sheryl Lomas Malamud
Katherine McCandless
Brian McCusker
Kaye Paletz
Meryl Paletz
Ray Peters
Linda Pura
Natalie bat Tamar
Rae Thompson
Sherri Brenner Rosen
Wendy Rosenthal
Steve Rosofsky
Daniel Rovensky
Michael Sachs
Marc Shapiro

Ora Chaya bat Shulamis
Rona Sarne
Larry Schaeffer
Martin Schroeder
Lorena Schwartz
Marilyn Sheniak
Rhea Silberberg
Sandy Silberman
Natalie Silverman
George Spitalny
Deena Stuart
Karin Surkin
Ira Tabas
Vevl ben Bessie v'Tevya
Jeanne Winerip
Sarah Zins

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

Welcome
to our
New Members

- Caryn, Jake, and Eli Boisselle
- Stephanie and Scott Cooper
- Rina, Michael, Holden, Finn, and Sully Ehrlich
- Judith Kranetz
- Brooke, Craig, Hailey, and Alexis Morgenstern
- Kendall and Michael Weinberg
- Robert Wolk

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

SELICHOT PART I. | Saturday, September 17

8:00pm

Virtual Selichot with Bucks County Kehillah
via Zoom

Shir Ami will join with other Bucks County congregations for a community-wide traditional Selichot program this year hosted online by Temple Judea.

SELICHOT PART II. | Sunday, September 18

10:45am-11:30am

Intergenerational Selichot Experience with Shir Ami
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

The Selichot ritual helps to set the tone for the entire High Holy Days. One of its most powerful rituals is the changing of the Torah mantles to their High Holy Days White Torah covers. All are invited to join the Shir Ami Religious School for a new and age appropriate Selichot Ritual. For the entire community.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH | Sunday, September 25

7:30pm - 8:45pm

Evening Service
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

Welcome in the New Year of 5783 with a contemporary service led by the Shir Ami Clergy and accompanied by our Shir Ami Band, led by Michael Smolen. Rabbi Eric Goldberg will speak.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 | Monday, September 26

8:45am

Blessings for Newborns
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

All those who welcomed a child into their lives in the past year are invited for a special blessing for newborns.

9:00am - 9:45am

Young Family Services
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

Age appropriate for families with preschool aged children through 2nd Grade (Older siblings welcome)

10:30am - 12:00pm

Traditional Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

Our traditional morning service features a blend of traditional and contemporary music sung by the Shir Ami Choir. This services is appropriate for families with children 3rd grade and older. Rabbi Chuck Briskin will speak.

1:30pm - 2:45pm

Rosh Hashanah Afternoon Youth and Family Experience
Tyler State Park, weather permitting (Boardwalk Picnic Area)

Join us at Tyler State Park for an afternoon of fun, learning and community building as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah with our Religious School Community. There will be separate programming for children and parents.

2:45pm - 3:00pm

Shofar Sounding-Appropriate for the entire community
Tyler State Park, weather permitting (Boardwalk Picnic Area)

Come and listen to our crew of Shofar Sounders as they pierce the air with the sounds of the shofar. If you own a Shofar, you are welcome to bring it and join the group. If you'd like to learn how to sound the calls ahead of time, please contact Rabbi Briskin..

3:15pm - 3:45pm

Tashlich at Tyler State Park-Appropriate for the entire community
Tyler State Park, weather permitting (Rain date on Tuesday, September 27)

Join us at the bridge adjacent to the Boat House for this ritual in which we symbolically cast our sins from the past year into the flowing waters of the Neshaminy River.

Happen to be down the Shore?

Join Rabbi Eric Goldberg on Monday, September 26 at 6:15 pm for a Tashlich service. We will meet on the beach at Margate Library, between Granville & Huntington.

Join Rabbi Eric again, on Tuesday, September 27 at 8:00am for a Rosh Hashanah morning walk. Together we will walk, pray, get to know each other better and enjoy the beauty of nature as we welcome in 5783. We will meet on the beach at Margate Library, between Granville & Huntington.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 | Tuesday, September 27

9:30am - 10:30am

Adult Learning
Shalom Hall and Zoom

Join Rabbi Briskin for an interactive study of one or more of the themes of the High Holy Days.

11:00am - 12:15pm

Rosh Hashanah Day Walk in the Park
Tyler State Park

Join Rabbi Briskin for a walk in the park which will include time for community building and reflections. We will meet by the bridge over the river adjacent to the Boat House.

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Tikkun Olam Project
Location & Details TBD

SHABBAT SHUVAH | Friday, September 30

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Shabbat Shuvah Service
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

During this reflective service between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we will take time to dedicate new memorial plaques that will adorn our Yizkor Wall of Remembrance.

KOL NIDRE | Tuesday, October 4

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Kol Nidre Service
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

Join us for this most solemn and reflective service of the High Holy Days. The Kol Nidre service will feature the chanting of the choir and Jason Calloway playing Kol Nidre on the cello. Rabbi Chuck Briskin will speak.

YOM KIPPUR | Wednesday, October 5

9:00am - 9:45am

Young Family Services
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

Age-appropriate for preschool aged families with children through 2nd Grade. (Older siblings welcome)

10:30am - 12:00pm

Yom Kippur Morning Service
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

Our traditional morning service features a blend of traditional and contemporary music sung by the Shir Ami Choir. This services is appropriate for families with children 3rd grade and older. Rabbi Chuck Briskin will speak.

12:30pm - 1:15pm

Torah Study Discussion w/ Rabbi Briskin
Shalom Hall

1:15pm - 2:30pm

Yom Kippur Afternoon Youth Experience
Outside Religious School entrance

Rabbi Eric Goldberg, Ferne Levy and members of SHAFTY will facilitate an engaging and interactive Yom Kippur afternoon program. There will be opportunities for parents and children to participate together and separately.

1:30pm - 2:20pm

Every Vote, Every Voice
Shalom Hall

Learn about the Religious Action Center-PA's effort to "get out to vote" during this critical mid-term election year.

2:30pm - 3:20pm

Shir Ami Listening Campaign
Shalom Hall

As part of our efforts to hear what community means to you, join us for facilitated small group discussions that will guide our work in the years ahead.

3:30pm - 4:20pm

Storytelling
Shalom Hall

Hear reflections from Shir Ami members that link their Jewish identity and involvement at Shir Ami to High Holy Days themes.

4:30-6:00pm

Yizkor/Neilah
Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary and Livestream

Join us for this powerful service during which we remember our loved ones and the impact that they had on our lives. Rabbi Elliot Strom will speak.

Following Yizkor, stay for the closing ritual of Neilah, a beautiful and powerful way to conclude Yom Kippur.

GUEST PASSES

Guest Passes are available for family members and out-of-town family guests. Please complete and submit this form to purchase guest tickets by September 19, 2022 by using the following link:

<https://www.shirami.org/form/hhdguest5783>

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF BABYSITTING

Shir Ami will provide babysitting on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur from 10:00am to 12:15pm.

Babysitting will be provided for children up to 7 years old (child must be walking) in room 12/14.

Please register your child(ren) by Sept. 19, 2022 to ensure adequate staffing by using the following link: <https://www.shirami.org/form/BabysittingHHD>



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Shir Ami welcomes Iris & Gene Freyer

FAMILY MEMBERS AND OCCUPATIONS: Gene is a Graphic Artist and Iris is a retired High School Administrative Assistant.

NEW HOME: Villages of Flowers Mill in Langhorne

WHY JOINED SHIR AMI: Our rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom (NYC), Brian Leiken, said that Rabbi Briskin was well-regarded and that Rabbi Leiken's father-in-law, Ronnie Abraham, was a founding member of Shir Ami. We want to volunteer, especially with Tikkun Olam; make new friends, and be

part of a Jewish community.

HOBBIES: Iris enjoys listening to music, dancing, singing, reading, walking and volunteering. Gene likes attending jazz clubs, taking and restoring old photos, fitness training and singing Jewish music.

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: Sea Colony at Bethany Beach, DE

SPORTS TEAM: New York Mets

FUN FACT: Iris and I met in an elevator in an office building in New York City.

5783/2022 HIGH HOLY DAYS

Food Drive



Help us reach **15,000 LBS** of donated food!



DONATE FOOD!

Suggested Items Include:

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

(Kosher or Non-Kosher)

Peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, cereal, canned potatoes, soup, juice, canned fruit, applesauce, baby food, canned tuna/chicken/beef stew, salad dressing, condiments, snacks

FOOD MUST NOT BE EXPIRED

PAPER GOODS

Napkins, paper towels, toilet and facial tissues

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Toothpaste, soap, shampoo, baby products, diapers



VOLUNTEER!

In-Person at SHIR AMI:

12^{PM}-3^{PM}

Shalom Hall

(Ages 8 and older please)

Sunday | October 23rd

Sunday | October 30th

Sign up to help with food sorting:
www.shirami.org/form/fooddrive

OUR BIG DISTRIBUTION!

Monday | October 31st
10:30^{AM}



DONATE MONEY!

Suggested \$25 per grocery bag

tinyurl.com/ShirFood



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:

Lindye Shechtman |
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267.278.2454
marc.luber@gmail.com

Bring Food to Shir Ami any day up to October 30th



Board Member Spotlight



Beth McAleese Ritual Co-Chair

WHO: Beth McAleese, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker

FAMILY: Husband, James McAleese, a machine operator/production supervisor; 13 year old Asher, an incoming 8th grader at Holland Middle School; 10 year old Austin, an incoming 5th grader at Hillcrest Elementary School; and 3 year old, Roger our rescue dog

WHERE (NEIGHBORHOOD/SCHOOL DISTRICT): Holland in the Council Rock School District

YEARS AT SHIR AMI: 5 years

FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANT: Bomba Taco, in Newtown

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: "The Shore"

SPORTS TEAM: Eagles, of course

SPENDS FREE TIME: Going on adventures and making memories with her family and friends

FUN FACTS: Beth is 100% tone deaf. At the direction of a music teacher from an early age she was instructed to mouth the words.... perhaps as more of a warning!



**Saturday, October 15
3pm-5:30pm**

at the home sukkot of
various Shir Ami Congregants.
Visit one or visit all!!

Do you build your own Sukkah?

*Would you be willing to open up your Sukkah to
Shir Ami friends and neighbors for our very popular
SUKKAH CRAWL?*

If so, please contact Jodi at jafriedman@shiramipa.org



DO YOU WANT TO
BUILD A SUKKAH.....

**Are you interested in building a Sukkah and
taking part in our Sukkah Crawl?**

**We are offering a \$100 grant to first-time
Sukkah builders who are willing to open up
their Sukkah to Shir Ami families for our
Sukkah Crawl on Saturday, October 15.**

**FOLLOW THIS LINK
<https://www.sukkot.com/>
for easy-to-build Sukkah kits**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT - New Year Reflections

Ellie Short

I'm writing this article in July for the Sept/Oct Shiron deadline, hoping that my thoughts on what the new year, 5783, should bring don't change by the time the High Holy Days roll around! Having been president of Shir Ami for a little more than a year now, my goals for my presidency have become more realistic. I understand that change can take longer than I'd like and is usually a process that involves many elements. I am, however, optimistic that we are on the right track.

In previous articles I have shared our Board goals. While the new Board will be meeting in the fall to discuss what goals need to be tweaked, updated, or revised, I want to share my thoughts on our progress and hopes for the future.

Our first goal, under Growing Spiritually, is to appeal to a younger and a more diverse cross-section of our congregation. A wonderful example of how we are addressing this goal was our very well attended June end-of-year Shabbat service, with a food truck oneg.

The smiles on congregants' faces as they shared the beautiful evening with each other told me it was a great success. I was particularly pleased by the wide age-range of participants.. My goal is to promote more events like this in the upcoming year in order to inspire congregants to enjoy the worship experience and to spend time socially with one another.

Our second goal, under Learning Together, is to increase our Jewish learning opportunities to make Judaism more relevant to current life. It is important that we then apply these teachings in our everyday lives through action. Rabbi Eric Goldberg, with input from the Religious School Committee, addressed this goal last year by offering our 8th and 9th grade Religious School students the opportunity to choose a Social Justice course. For the upcoming year, this will continue and be expanded. Our 6th and 7th graders will start going out into the community to do social action projects several times during the year. Ferne Levy and Rabbi Goldberg are expanding this to Junior SHAFTY as well and will begin pairing social events with social justice work.

Our third goal, under Connecting Together, is to

re-energize the auxiliaries to increase engagement. We achieved partial success with this. Our Women of Shir Ami (WoSA) had some very successful events. A good time was had by all at the Member Appreciation Night this past spring. President Risa Kane and her board are busy planning activities for the upcoming year and welcome your input. The return of the Senior Brunch was widely welcomed in June thanks to the efforts of Mel Berman, Barbara Roth, Barbara Cohen, Barbara Blumberg and the other volunteers. SHAFTY is back in business – the crowded Purim Carnival in March was proof that the good times can roll again. President Harry Rosenthal and his SHAFTY board, with guidance from Youth Director Ferne Levy, will be creating new opportunities for our youth to connect this year.

The approved 2022-2023 budget allocated funds to hire a program/engagement coordinator. Once this position is filled, one of his/her first responsibilities will be to work with the leaders of all the auxiliaries regarding programming.

The program coordinator will also be responsible for working with Rabbi Briskin, Cantor Kohlbrenner and the Engagement Committee to help our affinity group initiative proposed in the 6 Listening Campaign sessions of the past spring. These groups could range from parents of Religious School children in grades K-2, to one based upon neighborhoods, e.g., the New Hope area; those interested in political discussion, culture or wine/beer/bourbon tasting.

Our fourth goal, under Making an Impact, is to increase food donations and expand member participation. Thanks to Marc Luber, Lindye Shechtman and the many other volunteers and congregants who supported our food bank with either their time or monetary donations we achieved great success with this program. The challenges of the current economy will cause food insecurity to increase, and we will need to continue efforts in this area. I would also like to increase Shir Ami's social justice efforts. Given the



ELLIE SHORT

disturbing situation our country now faces we need to get involved and stand up for our beliefs. With daily acts of gun violence, increasing incidents of antisemitism and the limitations on women's reproductive rights, we at Shir Ami need to take a more active stand and demonstrate our Jewish values by being more involved on a local and national level.

Our fifth goal, concerning Administrative and Facilities, is a work in progress. Safety and security unfortunately remains an ongoing concern. After the Emergency Action Plan is completed by the Crisis Management Committee, chaired by Ken Standig, congregants need to be trained and made aware of emergency procedures. The priority safety items identified by the security experts available to us, thanks to a grant Phil Nordlinger won, need to be purchased and implemented. Maintaining our building is another never-ending issue. A long-term and a short-term facilities improvement plan needs to be developed and implemented. I want to establish a task force to examine how to better utilize our existing building and grounds in order to plan for future needs. Financial sustainability is also a concern. An endowment fund was established last year; this year it needs to be promoted in order to support our financial stability. A final part of this administrative goal is strengthening Shir Ami's long term value proposition. This includes improving member retention; raising Shir Ami's profile in the area to attract new members; and improving our electronic database so it adequately captures relevant information to enhance membership engagement.

Are all these lofty goals attainable? To quote Michelangelo, "The greatest danger for most of us is not our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." Shir Ami should be our vibrant, joyful, and spiritually and intellectually stimulating Jewish home, where members feel connected to each other. Please join me as we begin this new year and help us to achieve our goals. I wish all of you a healthy, sweet New Year!

- Ellie Short

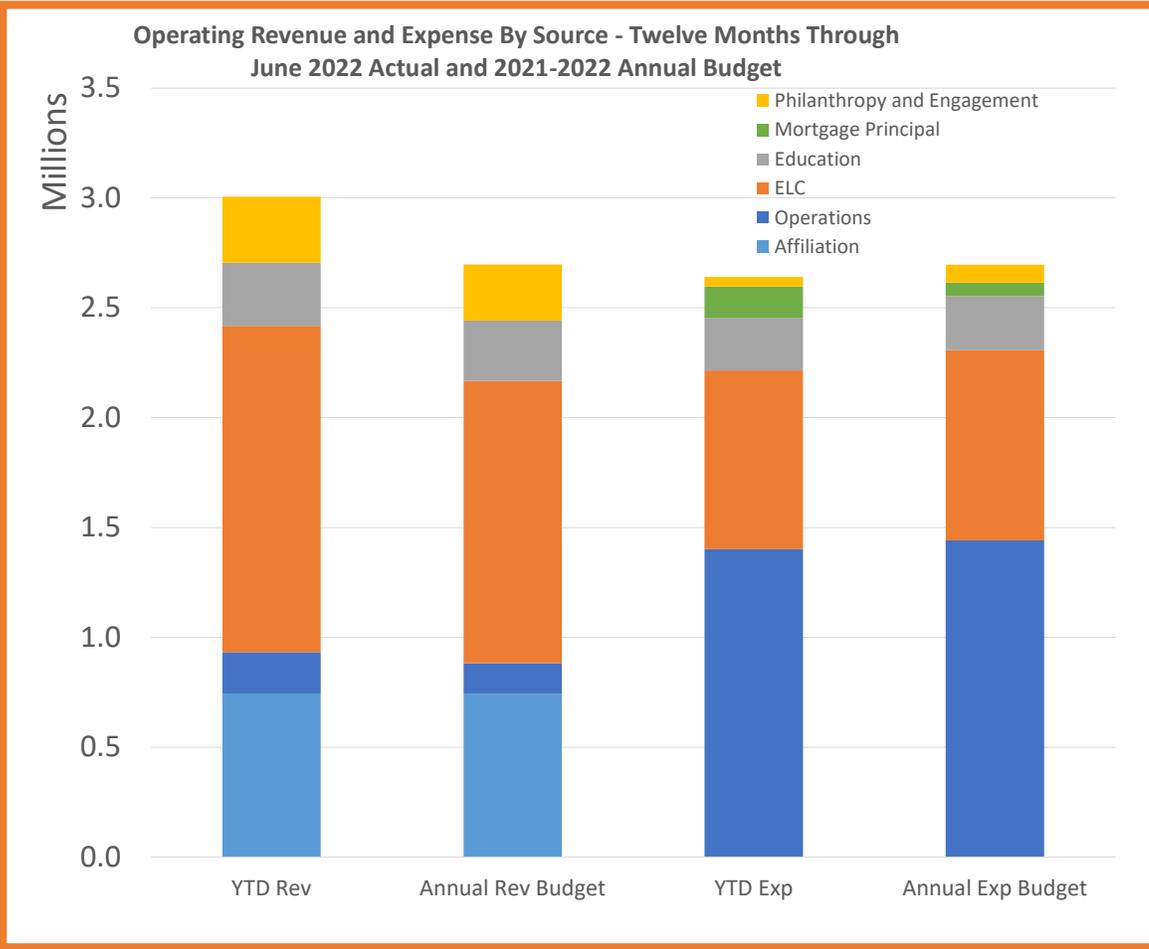
Welcome HUC-JIR Rabbinic Intern, Rebecca Kaufman



Rebecca Kaufman is a fifth-year Rabbinic Student at HUC-JIR. We are thrilled to welcome Rebecca to Shir Ami. Rebecca is originally from West Windsor NJ; after graduating from Princeton University, Rebecca began a career working for non-profits in a variety of programming, training and curricular development roles. At HUC she served as the student rabbi at a small congregation along the California/Mexico border where she conducted services in both English and Spanish. COVID and distance learning provided her the opportunity to remotely teach Torah study and adult education and lead High Holiday services for congregations in Alaska, Oregon and California. She recently completed a hospital chaplaincy program in New Jersey and is looking forward to being ordained next May. Rebecca lives with her husband Tavi and their one-year-old, Ari.

At Shir Ami, Rebecca will be helping to create and launch our Small Groups as part of our Relational Judaism Campaign; she will create and teach a third-grade parent education program, lead Chevrat Torah, our Shabbat Morning Minyan, and will share the pulpit with the clergy monthly throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming Rebecca to our community and to her making valuable contributions throughout the year.



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We hope you will join the Circle of Giving for the first time this year, or if you are a past donor, we hope that you will consider increasing your gift by a level.

Last year Shir Ami members donated over \$200,000 to Circle of Giving Fund!



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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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SHIR AMI ELC | LEARNING TOGETHER

A Message From Our New Director Missy Horrow



I am thrilled to be joining the Shir Ami community. I really missed being in a synagogue community and I am looking forward to feeling the warm embrace you get when we are with our people!

Some of my happiest memories were spent in the sanctuary with “my” kids at the last synagogue school I ran. I’m excited to once again experience the joy of Shabbat and the other holidays we will celebrate together in the sanctuary.

I am a lifelong early childhood educator who believes these early years are the most important. Everything I do, every decision I make, every policy we follow is always in the best interest of (y)our children.

The Early Learning Center community has welcomed me warmly and I know my being here is going to be a good fit.

Personally, I am married to my husband Jeff for 39 years and we have 2 grown children: Jenna who is married to Evan and they have 2 girls Ruby and Maya, and Andrew who is married to Sami who just had a little girl Cassandra. Needless to say my favorite pastime activity is spending time with my granddaughters. Fun fact, my son-in-law Evan, grew up at Shir Ami, had his bar mitzvah here, and was confirmed here.

I am really looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone and hope to know you all soon. I do ask a favor though, when you see me, please tell me your name. It might take me a bit, but soon we will all be old friends!

Don't be afraid to say hi!!!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL | LEARNING TOGETHER

Life is a Journey | Rabbi Eric Goldberg



RABBI ERIC GOLDBERG
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Shanah Tovah -- I hope you are having a wonderful summer and cannot wait to hear about all of your adventures!

As we enter into a new Jewish year (and new school year), I am reminded of a story attributed to Rabbi Chayim of Zans, who lived over 200 years ago:

A person set off into the forest and, after a few hours, got lost. The wanderer got so lost, that they ended up walking in the forest for several days, not knowing which was the right way out. After what seemed like a week, the wanderer saw someone else coming the other way. The wanderer's heart was filled with joy, and thought:

"This person will surely be able to tell me a way out of the forest. I am saved!" As

this person got closer, the wanderer asked: *"My friend, tell me which is the right way out of here. I have been wandering about this forest for several days."* The traveler said to the wanderer: *"I wish I could, but I do not know the way out either. For I too have been wandering about here for many, many days."* The wanderer looked down, saddened by the news. The traveler was smiling. The wanderer lifted his head and could not understand why. The traveler said: *"I may not know the way out, but I can tell you: If we work together, we can find the way out together."* And the two travelers continued walking together.

Our Shir Ami Religious School family is so excited for the 5783 school year! There will be new adventures, new songs, new curricular elements in the classrooms, new opportunities to serve our Shir Ami family, our local community, our brothers and sisters in Israel, and the Jewish community worldwide. We will do this in classrooms with our peers, at Shir Ami as an entire school community, and in our neighborhoods with Shir Ami family members of all ages.

We are going to make this year special by working, playing, praying, laughing and smiling *together*: teachers and students and madrichim and parents and everyone who is part of our amazing Shir Ami Religious School family! We are going to strengthen existing friendships and welcome new friends with open arms. We are going to deepen connections to each other, to Israel, to the mitzvot that have guided our people for thousands of years. We are going to develop our Jewish identities and work together to show and share why living a Jewish life (in any and all ways and in each and every moment) is something we strive to do this year, next year and for the rest our lives.

Please be on the lookout for detailed emails regarding Religious School events and activities throughout the year. Here are just a few of the highlights in the coming months:

- **Sunday September 11th** – K-5th Grade Opening Day Family Celebration (9-11:30am)
- **Wednesday September 14th** – 6th-10th Grade Opening Day & Family BBQ (5:30-7:30pm)
- **Sunday October 16th** – All Ages Simchat Torah Bash!
- **Sunday October 23rd** -- 6th-8th Grade 'Changing the World' Event
- **Saturday December 24 – Wednesday January 4:** Teen Israel Adventure

Please do not hesitate to be in touch at any time. I can best be reached via phone/text (856-359-5758) and/or email (egoldberg@shiramipa.org).

It's going to be an awesome year! We can't wait for the journey that lies ahead and what makes us happiest is that we are on this journey together.

Shanah Tovah from Geri, Jay and I to you and your loved ones-
Eric

SHIR AMI YOUTH | CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Ferne Levy



FERNE LEVY
YOUTH DIRECTOR

Shanah Tovah Shir Ami K-12th graders! We are excited for a brand-new year of experiences, making friends, and having fun each time we get together for events!

For those new to our program, SHAFTY stands for Shir Ami Federation of Temple Youth. SHAFTY is broken into five groups. Our advisors are:

Ashley Levy | K2 Club (Kindergarten-2nd grade)

Judith Silverman | Chalutzim (3rd-4th grade)

Emma Leibowitz | Bonim (5th-6th grade)

Ferne Levy | JCrew (7th-8th grade) & Sr. SHAFTY (9th -12th grade)

We will be coming together as one big Shir Ami community to celebrate the High Holy Days in September and October. We hope that you join us for the Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Family Experience, upcoming social events and support our fundraisers.

Sr. Shafty continues our commitment to Tikkun Olam by collecting shoes for the less fortunate and accumulating pop tabs throughout the year to help support the Ronald McDonald house (we always collect during religious school!)

We are looking forward to big events this year such as the Hanukkah Hop, Thanksgiving Drive, Purim and a Flea Market. Can't wait for you to get involved and make Shir Ami the place you want to be!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- K2 Welcome Back Breakfast | Sept 18
- Sr. Shafty- Beach Trip | Sept 18
- Bonim- Lunch & Apple picking | Sept 18
- Chalutzim- Lunch & Apple picking | Sept 18

October

- K2 Club- Decorate Bird Feeders | Oct 9
- Sr. Shafty- Rocky Horror Shul-in | Oct 29-30
- JCrew- TBD
- Bonim- Pumpkin & Movie Night | Oct 22
- Chalutzim- Pizza & Pie Making | Oct 16





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The Shir Ami Senior Brunch that was held on June 12, 2022 was very successful. Around 115 people attended and got to see old friends and made new friends as well. There was a beautiful and delicious dairy buffet that included an array of salads, condiments & dessert.

The entertainment was superb, featuring pianist/singer/song writer Avi Wisnia, grandson of the late, famous holocaust survivor/cantor/educator David Wisnia.

The next Shir Ami Senior Brunch has been scheduled for Sunday October 9, 2022. As of press time, the name of the entertainer has not been finalized. Please be on the lookout for an announcement of who that entertainer will be.

You can be sure that the entertainment will be superb! Currently, the all inclusive name of the Shir Ami Senior Group is ShAAK (Shir Ami Active Adult Kehillah). ShAAK includes all Senior events of Shir Ami. One such event is Shir Ami Senior Brunch.

**For more information call
Barbara Roth 215-519-5077,
Barbara Cohen 267-471-0016
or Mel Berman 215-715-9734**



The Board of Women of Shir Ami is looking forward to an exciting season.

We are working to come up with some great activities, starting with one in September. More information will follow.

In the meantime, be sure to save the date of Thursday, October 20, 2022, for our Kick-Off Event!

If you have ideas for things you'd like to see us do or be involved in, please email me at womenofshiramiprez@gmail.com.

Have a great rest of the summer!

Best, Risa



In these ever-changing times, we all need a friend, a place that feels like home, and a deeper connection to something bigger than ourselves. Women of Shir Ami is looking forward to a fantastic year, and we want ALL the women in our community to join us. **Together we will do great things!**

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SHIR AMI MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Shir Ami Men's Club has been a popular auxiliary in the Shir Ami community that dates back to our earliest days. The Shir Ami Men's Club maintains a variety of social action projects throughout the year. In addition, we offer plenty of opportunities to interact with peers on the golf course, wine & spirits tastings, football games and much more.

Men's Club is open to anyone who is interested in socializing, promoting initiatives, and supporting all facets of our Shir Ami community.

Since we are just getting back into the swing of things post-Covid, we are offering 50% off our membership dues for one year!

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Be sure to join other Men's Club members for a virtual Meet, Greet and Networking Zoom call that will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8:30am. starting August 16th.

Zoom link can be found on the Shir Ami Calendar and will also be posted in the Shir Happenings email that goes out on Thursday evenings.

We look forward to meeting you.

Stay tuned for lots of great events!



MEN'S CLUB SAVE THE DATE

Wine & Spirits Tasting at Wycombe Vineyards

Wine & Spirits Tasting • Live Music • Food Truck

Saturday, September 24
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Details Coming Soon!

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Dear fellow congregants,

As we begin the upcoming cantorial search it is with great honor, we would like to share with you the members of the Cantorial Search Committee.

Sharon K. Benoff, Chair	Donna DeSantis
Robin Firestone, Co-Chair	Joe Dimedio
Ellie Short, President	Emily Elkin
Rabbi Charles Briskin	Beth LaPat
Kenneth Bieber	Stephanie Schwartz
David Chesner	Nancy Siderits
Jason Cohen	Michael Smolen

This committee has been thoughtfully created to represent the diverse perspectives of our Shir Ami community during the search process.

We thank all of you who communicated your interest to serve on the committee and share your input.

If you have questions or comments you would like to share please feel free to contact Sharon Benoff at Sharon.benoff@gmail.com or Robin Firestone at grfirestone@comcast.net

We will continue to keep you abreast of our progress.

L' Shalom,
Sharon K. Benoff and Robin Firestone

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 from Bunny Averbach IMO Stanley Averbach
 from Ellen Barish IMO Helen Barish
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 from Arlene Buchman IMO Miles Buchman
 from Farah Zeises and Jeffrey Stupine
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