BE OUR GUEST!

Purim Celebration

Wednesday, March 16

Picnic Dinner at 6:00–7:00 PM

Congregational Service, Spiel & Megillah Reading at 7:00–9:00 PM

We pulled off an amazing, virtual Purim celebration last year. Now we are thrilled to return to our sanctuary on March 16, at 7 pm, for our annual Congregational Purim Service, Megillah Reading, and Spiel!

Be our Guest! This year, our spiel theme is based on Disney’s Beauty and the Beast. Be ready for an evening of laughter and fun. Rabbis Schwartz and Gottlieb and Cantor Felder-Levy will kick off the night with our service filled with shtick. Then we will quickly transition to our Megillah reading and spiel. Register online at our temple website. COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Interested in dinner beforehand? Bring your own picnic dinner to eat on our outdoor patio. Tables and chairs will be set up outside beginning at 6 pm.

Purim Carnival

Saturday, March 20, 12:00 PM

Do you have a child in preschool through grade five? Our annual Purim Carnival is back with some of our favorite games: Persian Plinko, Wheel of Shushan, Haman Knockdown, and more! While our carnival will look different this year due to COVID-19, we are thrilled that March 20 will be a day of community and games. “Gates” open at 11:30 am for families with children ages five and under, and they are open to all Shir Hadash members from 12 to 2 pm. Register online and pre-purchase tickets at our temple website, COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Be Happy, It’s Adar II!
“We know that all transitions are fraught with uncertainty, fear, and anxiety…”

FROM RABBI DANNY GOTTLIEB

Transitions

It has been an honor for me to be a part of the Shir Hadash community for the past six months. During this time, I have had the joy of getting to know the community, its clergy, lay leaders and many of the members who make up Shir Hadash.

This is a time of transition for Shir Hadash, and I have been privileged to be a part of the journey as Shir Hadash builds upon its past successes and moves to a new chapter in the life of the congregation. We continue the journey with great anticipation and excitement as we look to welcoming our new rabbi and visioning our future.

This is also a time of transition for many of us in our personal lives, as we respond to the restrictions that COVID has placed upon us. Our family configurations, our work lives, our children’s schools have all been disrupted and reshaped, and it has been a difficult adjustment from which we continue to hope for respite.

And it has become increasingly apparent that this is also a time of transition for democracies around the world. We have experienced great division here in our country, and the level of concern about the threat to democracy, from attempts to suppress voting rights and other civil liberties, is on the rise. In recent days we have seen the stability of European democracy threatened by the invasion of Russian forces into Ukraine, and the days of the Cold War seem to be returning.

We know that all transitions are fraught with uncertainty, fear, and anxiety, and it is not surprising that we are feeling the impact of local, national and international transition in our own lives.

Like many of you, both sides of my family trace our roots to Ukraine. My ancestors on my father’s side made their way to New York, my mother’s side to Western Canada. They made their way across the world to escape persecution and find a safe and secure environment to raise their children, free from fear and hatred. I am the beneficiary of their wisdom and their courage. We understand deep in our souls the desire for such safety and security, and we pray for the people of Ukraine.

Our prophets cry out, “Let every person sit under their vine and fig tree, and none shall make them afraid” (Micah 4:4), and “Let nation not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4). This is a time for us to add to their voices with prayers of peace.

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya’aseh shalom aleynu v’al kol Yisrael, v’al kol yoshvei tevel.
May the One Who makes peace in the heavens, make peace for us, for all Israel and for all humankind.

V’imru…And let us say, Amen.

It is also a time to act, for our tradition teaches that we are measured, not by our intentions, but by our actions. So in addition to our prayers, I am asking that you join with me in supporting Ukrainian Jewish communities through the World Union for Progressive Judaism Ukraine Crisis Fund. You can find information about the fund and donate online at wupj.org/give/ukraine/.

May we know peace and well-being…in our lives, in our community and in the world.
Shabbat B’Yachad (Together)

Friday, March 4, 7:00–8:00 pm
In Person on the Shir Hadash Patio

Join clergy and song leaders on our outdoor patio for a contemporary Shabbat experience. We bring the familiar in with the new, including family and birthday blessings along with standing under the tallit during Hashkiveinu. This service is geared for all congregants as we celebrate Shabbat in the best way possible: together. Register on the temple calendar.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, August 13, 6:00 pm

CARING SHABBAT SERVICE

Transitions

Friday, March 18, 7:30–8:30 pm
In Person at Shir Hadash & Live Stream

Every spring, the Caring Committee sponsors a Friday evening Shabbat service. This year, the committee will hold its annual Shabbat service with the theme of “Transitions.” It's fitting that our own Transitional Rabbi, Danny Gottlieb, will address changes in relation to COVID-19. He will also speak to the transition of a new rabbi among other life-cycle adjustments. Register on the temple calendar.

March Services

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Zoom Live via Zoom. Sign up at shirhadash.org/calendar.

ShTV Live-stream on Shir Hadash TV at shirhadash.org/live.
New Member Orientation

Sunday, March 6, 10:00-11:30 AM
In Person at Shir Hadash, Oneg Room

Let’s spend some time getting to know one other better! Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from leaders of Shir Hadash’s groups and committees. Find out how to participate in other learning opportunities. This morning’s event will close with a tour of the facilities. Register on the temple calendar.

Mitzvah Day at Good Karma Bikes

Sunday, March 6, 12:00-4:00 PM
In Person at Good Karma Bikes
460 Lincoln Ave., #25, San Jose

Good Karma Bikes is a non-profit bike shop that provides safe, reliable bicycle transportation, repair services and training. For every bike sold in their shop, one is donated at no charge to members of the community. On average they donate 1½ bikes per day to kids and deserving adults.

Please join us for our first Mitzvah Day event of the year as we clean and refurbish bikes for the community. Age restrictions: 13 years and older with parents. Masking required. Register on the temple calendar.

Cantor’s 25th Anniversary

Celebration Concert

Save the Date: Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m.

Let’s celebrate with song

Join us as we honor Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy’s 25 years of dedication along with her life achievements. We plan to do this with an afternoon filled with live music entertainment!

Shir Hadash’s lineup features performances by talented congregation members and other special guests.
BOOK GROUP

Waking Lions, by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen
Sunday, March 6, 10:45 AM-12:00 PM
Via Zoom

Join the discussion of this book offering a gripping, suspenseful, and morally devastating drama of guilt, survival, shame and desire. In her writing, Gundar-Goshen proves herself as a remarkable young author on the rise. Register on the temple calendar.

LUNCH & LEARN

Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art
Tuesday, March 8, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Via Zoom

A member of The Jewish Museum, NYC, will present a virtual tour of the exhibition “Afterlives: Recovering the Lost Stories of Looted Art.” The content will cover the subject of art looting during World War II within a unique thematic premise, focusing on the seizure and movement of works as they traveled through distribution centers, sites of recovery, and networks of collectors, before, during, and after the war.

The exhibition includes paintings, drawings, and Judaica that survived this traumatic period of violence and upheaval against tremendous odds. By tracing the fascinating timelines of individual objects as they passed through hands and sites, their myriad stories will be brought forward, often in dialogue with archival documents and photographs that connect them to history. Register on the temple calendar.

STANFORD BLOOD CENTER

Spring Stanford Blood Drive
Sunday, March 13, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Oneg Room

Individuals in our community continue to have a need for blood. There are still lives that need saving.

To register online, please go to hadash.link/giveblood.

We are requesting that all donors please be vaccinated.

For more information: call 888-723-7831 or visit stanfordbloodcenter.org.

Get a $10 Starbucks eCard as a thank you for saving lives.

INAGURAL PEARL & LEONARD ROSENTHAL PROGRAM PRESENTS

Weekend Events with Mark Oppenheimer

In Person at Shir Hadash & Live Stream
Saturday, March 12, 7:00-9:00 PM

Mark Oppenheimer, editor of Tablet magazine, host of the podcast “Unorthodox,” and author of a new book about Squirrel Hill, will join us for a Havdalah program: “Newish Jewish Encyclopedia from Abraham to Zabar’s and Everything In Between.”

Sunday, March 13, 9:30-11:00 AM

Join us on Sunday morning for an EWJ Program with Mark Oppenheimer on Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood.
WOMEN’S STUDY: FROM RESILIENCE TO RENEWAL

**Enhanced Spiritual Development—You Restore My Soul**

**Thursday, March 17, 10:30-11:30 AM**
**Via Zoom**

Rabbi Levenberg continues to explore the timely series “From Resilience to Renewal” on the third Thursday of each month through May. In April, Shir Hadash’s Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy will lead the discussion as guest speaker.

March’s session covers the topic of “Enhanced Spiritual Development | You Restore My Soul.” After a crisis, many people experience a deepened spiritual connection. Let’s explore how we continue to develop that awareness throughout our lives. [Register](#) on the temple calendar.

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JEWISH LAW & RITUAL PRACTICE DURING THE PANDEMIC

**A Look at Reform Response**

**Tuesday, March 22, 7:00-8:00 PM**
**Via Zoom**

Rabbi Gottlieb will consider rabbinic approaches to public health and individual health issues. Discussion will include provisional practices regarding ritual events such as weddings, funerals, and *brit milah*. He will also cover virtual *minyanim* and related issues during the pandemic and beyond. [Register](#) on the temple calendar.

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**The Nuts and Bolts of Planning Your Simchah**

**Sunday, March 27, 2:00-3:00 PM**
**In Person at Shir Hadash**

Hosted by Cantor Felder-Levy and Linda Allen. For families with 2024 B’nai Mitzvah dates only.

This overview of event planning makes the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process easier to understand. Find out what is needed to think about now, and what you can forget about until the date is closer. You’ll meet other parents going through the same process, and learn from each other’s questions and answers. Be sure to bring your Shir Hadash Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planning Guide. If you do not have a guide, please let us know and we can email one to you. [Register](#) on the temple calendar.

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**ONE YEAR AND COUNTING**

**For Upcoming B’nai Mitzvah Families**

**Sunday, March 27, 3:00-4:30 PM**
**In Person at Shir Hadash**

Your child’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah is coming up! We are excited for this life-cycle event, and we want to ensure this is a very special time in your family’s life. Please join us as we discuss the many things you might be thinking about as you approach this in the coming year.

You may be struggling with pandemic blues, and wondering how to plan for this special day given the current environment of uncertainty. This event may be different from what you envisioned a year ago when you planned the date. We will answer questions dealing with the pandemic and B’nai Mitzvah: guidelines, checklists, timelines, family participation and more. We’ll share the experience of families from the 2020 class and ideas to create a beautiful life-cycle event for your child, family and friends. [Register](#) on the temple calendar.
# A Taste of Adult Education

**Wednesday, March 30, 7:00-8:00 PM**

**In Person—Oneg Room**

Come one, come all! Get an in-person taste of Torah Study, Book Group, and more! Consider encounters between science and Judaism. This is your chance to offer input directly to our Adult Education committee. Learn more about the committee and opportunities to be part of enrichment experiences developed for our Shir Hadash community. We seek to partner with all groups in our temple that partake in lifelong learning! Register on the temple calendar.

Learn more about upcoming adult education programs at hadash.link/adulted.

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**Please visit www.shirhadash.org for the full calendar.**