



*Our Shir Hadash community* has so many memories and decades of special moments, from the simple and fun to the momentous and life-changing.

If you are a long-time member, do you remember what first brought you to Shir Hadash? Are there times of joy and times of sorrow that have punctuated your life and how has Shir Hadash been woven into the fabric of your life? For newer members, is there a moment where you remember feeling welcome and found a touchpoint within Shir Hadash that spoke to your heart and is the reason why you choose Shir Hadash as your community? We're so glad you're here.

What's your own Shir Hadash story? Maybe you even have several stories from across your life, both the happiest of times, and even the saddest of times, because Shir Hadash is here for us during *ALL* the times of our lives, so our special memories in community here span the breadth of human experience.

Just like the watercolor lyre in the My Shir Hadash imagery, together we are painting our stories into a beautiful future together. Submit your story online at [shirhadash.org/myshirhadash](http://shirhadash.org/myshirhadash).



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FROM RABBI NICO

## My Shir Hadash: An Invitation to Share



I am often fascinated by how vocabulary evolves over time. I promise to get back to this idea in a few more paragraphs!

***"We want  
to hear your  
stories, your  
experiences,  
and your  
journeys with  
Shir Hadash."***

Over the last eleven months, I have had the privilege of meeting many of you. We've met for coffee, for meals, over Zoom, at services, at life cycle events, at study sessions, and yes, at the grocery store, in downtown Los Gatos and in Downtown Willow Glen where I often stroll with my kids.

It brings me great joy to learn more about you and to hear about your connection to Shir Hadash. Over this time, your Shir Hadash stories have been one of my greatest sources of guidance and inspiration, a real gift that you have shared with me.

Communal life is not only defined by the values and practices that we hold dear but also by our personal and communal experiences. As a matter of fact, often the narration of these experiences is the most vivid and accurate picture of Shir Hadash. What has connected you, what moves you, what you are yearning for, and, yes, what has been challenging to you, are not only stories but portraits of the life of our community.

Now, back to my promise. In the past, the word *impact* was mostly used to describe the physical effect or force resulting from the collision or contact between objects. At some point this physical phenomenon took a metaphorical turn and became a concept to illustrate influence; for example, the impact of a new business strategy could refer to its influence on market share, profitability, and also to employee morale.

Today in the world of purpose-driven organizations we use the word *impact* to describe how the work we do affects the lives of our people and community. For us *impact* means how Shir Hadash has touched the lives of our people and beyond.

The stories I have heard from you over the last eleven months are *impact* stories, they are stories of transformation, of healing, of finding belonging, and of deepening connections.

I want to extend an invitation to each and every one of you. We want to hear your stories, your experiences, and your journeys with Shir Hadash.

So, I invite you to join me in our collective storytelling project: "My Shir Hadash." I encourage you to reflect on your experiences, to dig deep into your memories, and to find the stories that reflect your journey with Shir Hadash.

Your voice matters and your story has the power to touch the lives of others and shape our communal path forward. Your Shir Hadash story is not only a reflection of the *impact* but also its projection into the future.

Share your stories, listen to the stories of others, and let us celebrate the vibrant tapestry of our community.

*B'Bracha—In Blessing,*  
Nico

# Journeys Shabbat Service

Friday, June 16, 6:15 PM  
Sanctuary

Let's celebrate different types of journeys by offering blessings to this year's graduating class of 2023 and to our beloved families moving away! All of our recent high school graduates, plus families in our community who are preparing for a move, are invited to receive special recognition and a blessing during this Friday Shabbat Service. Our whole community will be ready to celebrate and wish you well on the new journeys ahead!

## For Families Preparing To Move

We hope that you will invite your closest friends and local neighbors so that this Journeys Shabbat can include your bay area community gathering together to appreciate you and give you blessings before your path takes you onward!

## For Graduates

Please invite all your graduating friends as we come together for this Journeys Shabbat. We celebrate the current school year closing and preparing to meet the new year before us. Are you moving out of the area and/or is someone in your family changing schools (such as rising from elementary school to middle school, or middle school to high school)? If so, you are also part of this "graduating" moment and part of the Graduate Celebration!

Please [RSVP](#) and, if applicable, please note the name of your family's "graduate" in the notes of your RSVP, so that we can plan something special for all of our graduates during our graduation celebration shabbat event.

## Three Ways To Attend

- 1 Attend in person! All are welcome.
- 2 [Register](#) and join via the Zoom link that will be sent upon registering.
- 3 Watch the live stream on the Shir Hadash TV page.

# Kiddush Lunch

Saturday, June 24, 12:30 PM

The Socolovsky Family invites the Shir Hadash community to attend and celebrate at their son Amitai's Bar Mitzvah service and kiddush lunch on Saturday, June 24. To help us better plan the food and arrangements, please [register on the website](#).

The kiddush lunch is for our whole community. We hope you will be able to join and enjoy some tasty bagels and food, which will be catered by House of Bagels. For young and old alike, there will be games set out including ping pong, Foosball, bean bag toss, and basketball.

## June Services

<b>FRI</b> <b>2</b>	6:15 pm	Shabbat Service
<b>SAT</b> <b>3</b>	9:30 am	Torah Study
	10:30 am	Board Installation Shabbat Service
<b>FRI</b> <b>9</b>	5:00 pm	Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Bar Mitzvah Joseph Tighe
	6:15 pm	Shabbat Service
<b>SAT</b> <b>10</b>	9:30 am	Torah Study
	10:30 am	Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Tighe
<b>FRI</b> <b>16</b>	6:15 pm	Journeys Shabbat Service
<b>SAT</b> <b>17</b>	9:30 am	Torah Study
	10:30 am	Bat Mitzvah of Camellia Johnson

<b>FRI</b> <b>23</b>	6:15 pm	Shabbat Service
<b>SAT</b> <b>24</b>	9:30 am	Torah Study
	10:30 am	Bar Mitzvah of Amitai Socolovsky
<b>FRI</b> <b>30</b>	6:15 pm	Shabbat Service

All services and Torah Study are available in person and via Zoom. Services are also available via live-stream at [shirhadash.org/live](https://shirhadash.org/live).



# Meet Our New Board Members!

## Jodi Muirhead, President



Jodi became a member of Shir Hadash when her parents helped to start the synagogue and she had her Bat Mitzvah the following year. After going away to college and getting a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, she returned to the South Bay, started working as a software engineer and got married. She and her husband, Richard, joined Shir Hadash in 1997 and are the proud parents of three adult children, Benjamin and Ariel, 30, and Jillian, 23.

Jodi was previously on the board as Youth Member at Large and spent several years planning activities for the youth groups. She has enjoyed singing in the High Holy Day Choir with her Mom and her kids. After spending many years volunteering and substitute teaching in her children's public schools, she was elected to the Santa Clara Unified School District Board of Trustees and has served for nine years.

Jodi is honored and excited to step into the role of President this year.

## Trista Bernstein, VP Youth & Family



Trista has spent the past year serving in the Membership, Engagement position on the Shir Hadash Board. Additionally, she led the Assistant Rabbi Search Committee. She is honored to now assume the role of VP Youth & Family Engagement as we welcome our new Assistant Rabbi.

Shir Hadash is a pivotal component of family life for Trista, her husband Josh and children Jaron (8) and Kayla (7). Trista has been involved in many facets of temple life and has a deep appreciation for all the congregants that work tirelessly to make this such a strong community. Trista's professional background is in nonprofit development and she has served in leadership roles in a number of organizations in the Bay Area.

## Sheldon Gilbert, Treasurer



Sheldon and his family joined Shir Hadash soon after arriving in Los Gatos in 2007. He and his wife, Donna, have enjoyed watching both of their children (Alex, 26 and Carley, 23) become Bar and Bat Mitzvah here at Shir Hadash.

A serial entrepreneur and a technologist by training, Sheldon seems to have a passion for finance committees having chaired the finance committees at Jewish Family Services and Los Gatos JCC in addition to previously chairing our own finance committee, of which he has been an active member since 2016. When not working on his latest startup or non-profit board, Sheldon spends much of his free time with triathlon training and racing.

## Mollie Guerrero, Secretary



Mollie Guerrero became a member of Shir Hadash in 2019 with her husband James and son Jamesy (nickname). The Guerreros moved to Los Gatos from Buffalo, NY in 2019. Mollie grew up in Ithaca, NY and graduated from Ithaca College with a major in Anthropology and a focus in Judaica. Mollie has worked for the Social Security Administration for almost 22 years. Her husband James is from Manhattan Beach, California and he is a key account manager in the semiconductor industry.

Their son Jamesy is active in Kulanu and can often be found attending services and other synagogue events with his mom. Mollie's primary passion is reggae music. It has been a major force in her life for over 30 years. Mollie is currently on the Kulanu committee and a member of Shir Family event planning. Mollie has served as secretary of the board since Spring of 2022.

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### **Diane Fisher, Ritual**



Diane and her husband David joined Shir Hadash with their daughter Danielle in 1994, when Danielle was enrolled in the Pre-K Sunday School class (Danielle is now married and a parent herself!). During those years Diane served on the board as VP of Education, sang in the choir and sometimes served as a pinch-hitter pianist. She was a member of the 1997 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class, and since then has been honored to chant Torah on the High Holidays. That learning also led to a 15-year stint teaching the Dalet Hebrew class together with Cantor Felder-Levy.

Upon retiring last year as Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Silicon Valley, Diane is now able to enjoy more activities with the awesome Vintage Ladies Havurah and return to serving on the Board with a new generation.

### **Rachael Huck, Membership, Recruitment & Integration**



Rachael has been a member of Shir Hadash since 2011 when her son Noah began at the preschool and later her daughter Lilah joined as well. She served two terms on the board as the Early Childhood preschool rep while her kids were in the Preschool. Rachael has been making Hamentashen for many

years now at the Purim carnival and baked along with many congregants in the Shir Hadash Kitchen. You have probably tasted one of her desserts at an Oneg or seen one of her dessert tables at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

When she is not baking she is performing comedy, you possibly have seen her perform standup at the Synagogue or around the Bay Area. Rachael and her Husband have two Children, Noah 14 and Lilah 11 and live in Willow Glen.

Rachael is really looking forward to being part of the Board again and continuing to be part of the Shir Hadash community in which she and her family love.

### **Nazgol Ashouri, Member at Large, ECC**



Nazgol joined Congregation Shir Hadash in 1991 when she moved to the US from Iran with her sister and mother. Despite speaking only Farsi, Rabbi Aron suggested for Nazgol to be a teacher's aide in a primary Hebrew class. Nazgol quickly learned Hebrew to have her Bat Mitzvah at Shir Hadash, and she continued working as an aide and then office assistant.

Nazgol's husband, Shelley, joined Shir Hadash just prior to their wedding in 2012, and they now have three children—Jacob, Audrey, and Noah. Had it not been for the pandemic, all three would have experienced the magic of the Early Childhood Center. Fortunately, Jacob and Audrey enjoyed their years at the ECC and formed long-lasting friendships and interests in Judaism, including looking forward to Shabbat services.

Nazgol is passionate about the ECC and having the community's children flourish through its unique philosophy. She believes education is an empowering force, and our children's bright futures start with building a strong Jewish foundation right here in our ECC.

Nazgol currently runs her own consulting company for employee experience and hopes to bring to ECC her insights on how to meet the needs of the staff, children, as well as the community. Nazgol is honored to serve as a board member and is looking forward to many positive outcomes.

In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, baking, and crafting.

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## Susan Levin, Membership, Engagement (one-year term)



Susan was a founding member of Shir Hadash. In fact, one of her daughters was our first Bat Mitzvah!

Before Covid, she was an office volunteer, helping with the phones and mailings. She also worked in the library every week with librarian Harriet Wolf to

process new books and keep things orderly.

With her wonderful Havurah, the Vintage Ladies, she has helped prepare Purim bags, assemble High Holiday mailers, and cook latkes. You can usually find Susan at Friday night services and Torah study. She is passionate about studying Jewish texts.

She looks forward to serving as Membership Co-Chair. She hopes that her positive Havurah experience will help her integrate new members into the community.

## Lunch with Gillian Perry

Thursday, June 15, 11:30 AM  
Chapel



Speaker Gillian Walnes Perry, author of *The Legacy of Anne Frank*, will be joining us for lunch in the chapel to speak in depth about Anne Frank and the global impact of her amazing legacy. Gillian Perry was the founder of the Anne Frank Trust in 1990 and is an esteemed expert on Anne Frank

who lectures on this topic around the world.

What has made Anne Frank's story and uniquely honest and relatable voice in her writings such an important motivator to the world for understanding the Holocaust? Please join us for the lecture and discussion!

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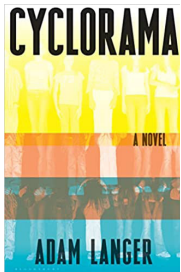
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# Cyclorama, by Adam Langer

Sunday, June 25, 10:30 AM [Zoom](#)



(Zoom only for this session of Book Group, not held in person.) You're invited to join the Shir Hadash Adult Education book group, facilitated by Diane Goldman. Our book for the month of June is *Cyclorama*, by Adam Langer. This book was published in 2022 and is available from the San Jose Public Library in addition to being available from local bookstores.

*Cyclorama* is a deeply moving, propulsive story of ten teenagers brought together by a high school production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* that will shape and influence the rest of their lives. Author Adam Langer is currently the arts and culture editor for the *Jewish Daily Forward* and has published multiple works so far in his career.

We hope you will be able to join and discuss this fascinating book with us! [Register on the temple calendar](#) for the Zoom information.

## JUNE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Please visit [www.shirhadash.org](http://www.shirhadash.org) for the full calendar.

<div>4</div> <div>10:00a Men's Club Board Meeting</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>10:30a Meditation &amp; Food: Mindfulness Series</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>11:30a SHECC End of Year Picnic</div> <div>5:00p Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Bar Mitzvah Joseph Tighe</div> <div>6:15 Shabbat Service</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha</div> <div>9:30a Torah Study</div> <div>10:30 Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Tighe</div>
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