



Shir Notes

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Events of the Month

Shabbat services at de Toledo High School

Saturday, April 2 - 10:30 am
Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, April 16 - 10:30 am
Anniversary Shabbat

Torah and Shabbat Study Saturday, April 9, 10:30 am at the Schroeders'

Stan Schroeder leads our monthly study and discussion session. Call Stan at (818) 718-7466 or see flyer

Schroeders Tribute Luncheon Sunday, April 10, 1:00 pm at de Toledo High School

Fundraising event honoring **Phyllis and Stan Schroeder** - Reservation deadline for lunch is March 30. Call Sherry Dollins at 886-7590.

Around the Rabbi's Tisch Thursday, April 14 7:30 pm at the Vorspans'

Our 5776 season of Rabbi's weekly discussion continues. Call Rabbi at (818) 888-9817 or see flyer.



Visit our website:
www.shirami.com

Rabbi's Column



I was explaining to my 12th graders about what life was like for me when I was their age: the only ways to communicate with someone was either to call him on a rotary phone, or send him a letter.

And then I thought, What have I done? I've just sounded like an old person! And if I sounded old to myself, how must I have appeared to my students?

Every now and then I ask them, How old is old to you? And when they come up with a number at least 10 years in my future, I'm comforted.

But a couple of times a day I do something that I know I shouldn't. Not if I want to feel young.

Mostly, in my mind's eye, I'm in my 40s. And I think I'm thinking like a 40 year old. But then, I look in the mirror. And, clearly, I'm not as old as I feel; I'm as old as I look!

Most of the adults I work with are little more than half my age. And I feel as young as they, until one of them calls me, Sir. Or they stand up and offer me their chair in a crowded room. Or volunteer to help me carry something, even when it's clearly light.

And I politely turn them down, even if sometimes I could use the help! My pride has left me standing a lot in crowded rooms! And to those who call me sir, I call them it right back! Which makes me sound a little ornery, I suppose.

These are the musings of a man almost half a year away from another decade. And what keeps me from getting too morose is the fact that a number of you are a few years away from a century! And you look great!

So I've decided that as I approach the proverbial three score and ten years of age, I'm just going to never look into a mirror again! That's what's causing all the problems!

Or maybe I'll just wear a hat...

Rabbi David Vorspan

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President's Report

Chag Sameach!

May your Pesach brisket be tender, your chicken moist and flavorful; may your herbs not be *too* bitter and may the children at your Seder not negotiate for the Afikomen like they are members of the Teamsters Union!

A *yasher koach* to those who participated in last month's **Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide**. Congregation Shir Ami was well-represented, proving that we do not stand idly by.

Believe it or not, we only have three more months and six Shabbat services to go before we go on "summer vacation." So let's make the most of what we have left. Whether you are improving the world or improving yourself and your friends and family, "Don't Stand Idly By" is a good guide.

On April 10, we will be having a testimonial luncheon in honor of **Stan and Phyllis Schroeder** and all they have done for Congregation Shir Ami. I hope that, by now, everyone will have sent in their RSVP. If you are one of the few who hasn't, please contact **Sherry Dollins** or **Ellen Fremed** ASAP! No guarantees, but please make the effort.

April is when we make our final push to bring Passover foods for SOVA. In fact, one might even say, "*Pesach ain't ovah 'til you've given to SOVA.*" I don't know anyone that *really* wants to continue eating Matzah after Pesach, so you know what you have to do.

Time is also running out to participate in our weekly adult education series "*Around the Rabbi's Tisch (and on the Rebbitzen's chairs)*". There are only a few sessions left, so now is the time to take advantage of this educational opportunity. (It also means that when Rabbi asks questions at the next Shabbat Service, you might know all the answers!)

As always, if you have any questions or want to provide your input, please feel free to email me at **JDPistol@aol.com**.

Thank you.

Jordan Pistol, President



We just want to say...THANK YOU!

CONGREGATION SHIR AMI'S TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS AND STAN SCHROEDER

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, the congregation will hold a Tribute Luncheon for Phyllis and Stan Schroeder at de Toledo High School. This event is to honor Phyllis and Stan and to thank them both for the many, many contributions that they have made and continue to make on behalf of the synagogue. This couple has supported our synagogue in ways that have enabled it to be sustained and to thrive. At the same time, they have become wonderful friends to so many of our members.



As you all know, Phyllis has served for many years as our Tribute Card Chairperson. In this position, she sends out tribute cards on behalf of the congregation's members for all occasions. Phyllis personalizes each card with inspirational messages that are specific for each individual and occasion and that makes the receiver feel as though she knows each of them personally. Her cards make each recipient feel as though the sender created a unique message just for him or her. Phyllis has also assisted with many program committee events and the Shabbat services *kiddushim*. She always has a smile on her face, no matter what else may be happening in her life, and she serves as an example to us all of how to live life with a positive attitude.

Stan continues to serve the congregation in many ways. In his role as editor of the *Shir Notes*, he has made our monthly newsletter a prize winning publication that is enjoyed by all of the members. In addition, he writes informative articles that expand our knowledge about the Jewish community worldwide. At each Shabbat service, Stan provides an informative presentation about a current topic of Jewish interest or a biography about a Jewish person who has influenced our history. Stan created the Shabbat Torah Study program that provides an insight into the Torah and creates an opportunity for study, discussion, and enrichment for those that participate. As a member of the Program Committee, Stan has arranged and sponsored numerous events of interest to the entire Jewish community.

Through their efforts and support, Phyllis and Stan have enriched our synagogue, and with this luncheon and a Tribute Book that will be presented at the event, we will thank them for their help and friendship throughout the years.

Sherry Dollins and Ellen Fremed
Tribute co-chairs



DONATIONS

Congregation Shir Ami wishes to acknowledge the following donations:

Yahrzeits

Ben Bloom for Ethel Bloom
Harvey and Betty Cohen for Bertha Gottesman
Jacquie Gordon for Lee Gordon
Sam and Fran Kobulnick for Reva Suckman
David and Susan Lipman
Esther Perez for Bertha Perez

Birthdays

Betty Cohen **Betty and Seymour, both 90, Mazel Tov!**
Seymour Potell

Anniversaries

Fran and Sam Kobulnick
Paula and Lou Loomis
Rae and Armand Wazana

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

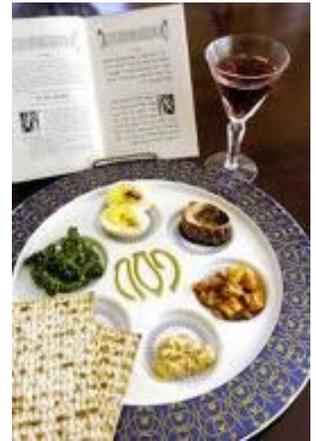
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Ian Kroop.....	4/22
Pat Michaelson.....	4/22
Ed Orens.....	4/23
Marcie Spetner.....	4/25
Betty Cohen.....	4/28
Ellie Zatz.....	4/28

Anniversaries

None

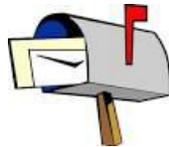


Chag kasher v'sameach
A happy and kosher holiday



Mailbox

Dear **Fran Friedman**
[AKA the Sunshine Lady],



Thank you for all your calls, concern, and prayers on behalf of my dear aunt. It was a real comfort.

My aunt was one of a kind and so are you!

Fondly, **Laurie Orens**

Editor's Note: Fran takes it upon herself to bring cheer and comfort to our members and community in need. Please call her at (818) 514-6994 if you or someone you know is ill or needy.

Congregation Shir Ami Tribute Cards

Thanks to **Phyllis Schroeder** for sending your cards celebrating *simchas* and conveying your get-well and condolence messages.



She is creative with individualized, artistic cards that include a message and color graphics. Call her at (818) 718-7466. Minimum donation of \$5 per card is appreciated.

Congregational News

Get well wishes *rafuah schleimah* to:



Barbara Grubman
Ellen Fremed broken arm from fall
Fran Kobulnick

May they be blessed with a complete recovery in body and spirit.

Our Condolences

We regret to inform the congregational family of the passing of: longtime member **Phil Cramer** and Beth Ami member **Ruth Schultz**.



May God comfort **Carol Cramer** and **Sam Schultz** and their families at this time of their bereavement.

Social Action Committee

SOVA needs our help all year to feed the needy and hungry in our community. **Please bring your non-perishable and non-breakable food donations to all services and events at de Toledo High School** and place them in the SOVA barrel in the lobby. We are in the midst of our Passover 2016 Kosher Food and Matzah drive. We will again be collecting **Five**



Pound Packages of Kosher-for-Passover 2016 Matzah. We are arranging for drop off and pick up points, as well as at services and events. Contact **Fiona Taylor, Sima Schuster, Claire Silverman,** or **Sheilah Hart** for help with your donations.

Looking ahead, we will again be going to the West Valley Healthcare Center for our annual **Mothers/Fathers Day Shabbat celebration** on Friday, May 6 at 1:00 pm. We are in need of some extra volunteers this year to help us with this special community mitzvah project. Come join us for one of our most rewarding Community Mitzvah Projects. We light Shabbat candles, say the blessings over challah and wine, serve great refreshments, and have one-on-one visits with the residents as we give them each a lovely plant. A highlight of the celebration is our popular sing-along led by **Claire Silverman** with her upbeat guitar.

We are already collecting **Target \$10 gift cards** for the women and children in the domestic violence shelters we help sponsor for Mother's Day. These cards are used by the families to buy something they personally need. Contact Fran for more information.



And further ahead, our annual **Walk Around Lake Balboa** is set for Sunday, June 5. You will be receiving flyers in the mail shortly to sign up to join us for the Walk and usual brunch following it. This year we will raise funds for **Parkinson's Disease.** **Charlene Kazel** and **Sheilah Hart** are the co-chairs of the event. See flyer for details or to register

Thanks for your physical and financial support for our community mitzvah projects. We welcome new members to our Committee and our events.

Happy Passover from our Committee and our families to you and yours. May your seders create beautiful memories that will be remembered for generations to come.

Shalom,
Fran Kobulnick, Social Action Vice President



Jewish World Watch Walk in the Conejo Valley

After many months of anticipation, the Big Day had finally arrived: the Jewish World Watch Walk in the Conejo Valley on Sunday, March 13th. With the help of my wonderful Co-captain, **Fiona Taylor**, our Congregation Shir Ami Walk Team was enthusiastically ready to join hundreds of other Walkers from many synagogues and organizations to make our voices heard: We will not stand idly by when genocides and atrocities are being perpetrated on innocent victims.



The weather was perfect for walking, and we were so energized when our Temple was recognized for having the second largest group of Walkers registered for the Conejo Walk! We all cheered when **Rabbi Vorspan** was announced as part of the participating clergy.

Our amazing 2016 Walk Team included **Rabbi and Bonnie Vorspan, Fiona Taylor, Stan Goodman**, his daughter **Lisa**, and her fiancé, **Barry, Jordan Pistol, Cheryl Balter, Pat and Jerry Michaelson, Ellie and Jerry Zatz, Mike and Joan Easley, Paula and Lou Loomis, Judy Eisikowitz, Claire and Lew Silverman, Stan Schroeder, Laura Simon, Charlene Kazel, and Rae Wazana.**

Thanks to these incredible people and with the support from many friends and family, the Shir Ami Walk Team raised our goal of \$1000 to help Jewish World Watch transform the world, one life at a time, one step at a time. Thank you, Congregation Shir Ami for your amazing support!

Rae Wazana, Walk Team Co-Captain and JWW Synagogue Advisory Council representative



2016 Shir Ami Jewish World Watch Walk team

Visit to Savannah, GA - September 2015

by Fiona Taylor

At the end of September last year, I had the opportunity to visit Savannah, GA, because there was a convention that I absolutely did not have to attend, but the lure of the South was very appealing, since I had never visited that part of the country! I am so glad I did.



Savannah is a very picturesque city, full of history and beautifully laid out because it was specifically designed by **Lord James Oglethorpe** who came to the New World to establish a colony for his friend, **King George** - and he obviously named the new colony "Georgia" in the King's honor. One of the major streets in Savannah is named after Oglethorpe and there are references to him all over the city. Should you visit, the tour guides have a wealth of information on the historic past of the city. Wikipedia also has much background information about Oglethorpe who was a general, a member of parliament, a philanthropist and reformer who lived to the age of 88.

We did the usual tours - plantations, architecture, railroad museum, horticulture - it's impossible not to be impressed by the huge trees literally dripping with Spanish Moss (which is neither Spanish, nor moss) that give the city such a unique look. We drank, we ate (problematic not just for the content of the food but the fact that almost everything seems to be fried), we visited, we talked with some of the nicest, kindest, most gracious and most accommodating people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Just one example: at a small restaurant, we asked the waiter if he had a wine list. He apologized profusely, telling us that they had only been open a couple of weeks but he would be happy to get us a bottle. We agreed, not realizing that he would have to get on his motorcycle and drive to a wine store! As he came back, another couple arrived at the next table and made a similar request ... back on the bike again! The wine was terrible, but the service was spectacular!

While in Savannah, I walked around many areas of the city and found, somewhat to my surprise, that there is a rich Jewish history to be explored. While wandering along the riverfront, watching ferries crossing to the other side, container ships slowly making their way upstream to unload the enormous cargo and tankers inching past them on their way out to the ocean, I noticed a bronze plaque that read "Near this site on July 11, 1733, five months after Oglethorpe founded Georgia, 42 Jewish colonists, having sailed from London, disembarked from the *William and Sarah*. It was the largest group of Jews ever to sail on one

vessel for North America in colonial times. All of the families, with the exception of three, were Sephardic Jews, originally from Portugal or Spain: the other three families were Germanic."

Below this inscription is written: *Erected by Congregation Mickve Israel, July 11, 1983.* (see photo). Enough of a clue to set off to find said Congregation!



How great is the internet? You can find anything ... In fact, we had already driven by the building more than once but, as it is one of the very few - or maybe the only - synagogue to be housed in a Gothic style building more fitting for a church, it's not surprising that we didn't realize what we were seeing. (see photo).



Outside the building is another large bronze plaque that states, in part "The Congregation was incorporated in perpetuity by a special Act of the Georgia Legislature on November 20, 1790". Another small plaque is attached outside the building announcing that it has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the US Dept. of the Interior.

As it happened, we were there during Sukkoth. This congregation doesn't just have some small tent - they make almost the entire side of the building into a sukkah (see photo). People were wandering around just looking: I suspect that most of them were not Jewish but were fascinated by what they saw.

I had thought that the congregation would either be Sephardic or Orthodox but, when I looked at some of the literature just outside the entrance, it seemed more likely that it is now Reform: my instincts were correct because,



after doing some additional research on-line, I found that to be true, although they do acknowledge their Sephardic roots in some services. On the day we were there, we were unable to visit the sanctuary because it was closed. We did walk around the entire area and found that there are additional buildings housing a school, etc. I hope to be able to have a more extensive visit next time.

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Visit to Savannah, GA - September 2015

by Fiona Taylor (continued)

Each morning we were in Savannah, I took a walk around the area near our hotel which was away from the city center. I found myself walking by a large shul, evidently Orthodox, *Bnai Brith Jacob*: this too has a large complex nearby with a school, social hall, etc. I did not find the Conservative congregation, *Agudath Achim*, but one can only do so much in four days (and I even found time to actually attend the convention!)

I left Savannah with an entirely different perspective. I had not imagined that it would be the site of the third oldest Jewish congregation in North America, nor that there was such a deep historical attachment to Judaism. I do hope to visit again because I'm sure there is more to be found.

One last note: people may remember that there was a movie entitled "*Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*" some 20 years or so ago. Copies of the book on which the movie was based are to be found everywhere in the city, because it is, in fact, a lyrical work of nonfiction about life in Savannah written by a journalist, **John Berendt**. It's a crime drama - risqué, even bawdy at times and full of bizarre characters: however, having visited the city before I read the book, it was wonderful to be able to picture the venues depicted by the author.

Operation Gratitude and Project MOT

by Charlene Kazel

If March was marvelous, April is going to be awesome because I have more books and cards to turn in.

Wanted: Volunteers to write cards for MOT. I have plenty of cards. If you can help writing greeting cards, please call me at (818) 701-7679.

Project MOT sends care packages to our deployed American Jewish service men and women far from home and loved ones.

This is a typical letter of appreciation from Hanukkah 2014:

Dear Project MOT,

Thank you for the wonderful, thoughtful care package, I really appreciate it. I'm writing you from Kabul, Afghanistan where I am an Aide de Camp to a Brigadier General in charge of rebuilding the Afghanistan Justice System and also overseeing the fighting of corruption, prevention of extra judicial killings and prosecution of gross violations of human rights. Despite 14 years of war, the Taliban are still active and we, as



Skirball Exhibit: Baseball Exhibit

By Owen Delman

From April 7 through October 30, 2016, the Skirball Cultural Center will present *Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American*, an interactive exhibit including original films, artifacts and related artworks.

It features people whose contributions to baseball history went far beyond batting averages or stolen bases. They didn't just play the game -- they *changed* the game. For generations of American Jews and other minorities, they served as athletic, cultural and ethical role models.

Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American celebrates baseball and highlights the role of baseball's game changers -- not only major league players but also vendors, team owners, minor leaguers, amateur players, scouts, broadcasters and fans -- who challenged the status-quo and inspired the nation.

If you are interested in viewing this exhibit, perhaps sometime in May, please contact me we will set up a group visit. Questions: **Email: Owen Delman at owened39@gmail.com or call (818) 347-8377.**



Hank Greenberg and Joe DiMaggio

the NATO coalition, are doing everything we can to ensure that the fledgling Ghani administration is able to continue helping the people of Afghanistan.

Thank you for your support to myself and other Jewish soldiers currently deployed. I hope you have a very Happy Hanukkah!

Sincerely, Micah

TREE OF LIFE

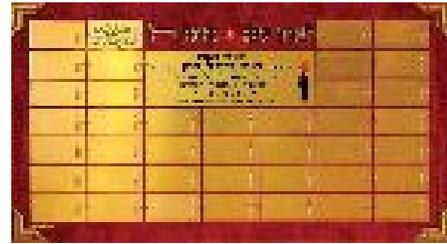


This beautiful Tree of Life, with leaves priced at \$100 and rocks at \$250 (one remaining), makes a perfect way to celebrate family occasions and support Congregation Shir Ami.

The Tree is on a rosewood background and consists of gold-colored leaves and rocks. It is displayed at all Congregation Shir Ami services and events.

For more information or to place an order, call Sherry Dollins at (818) 886-7590.

Congregation Shir Ami Memorial Board



If you would like to honor the memory of your loved ones by dedicating plaques on our new Memorial Board, please call Sherry Dollins at (818) 886-7590 so she may mail you an order form. The cost of each plaque is \$36.

Each plaque may contain up to three lines of engraving: English name, Hebrew name, and the years of birth and death. Both of our Memorial Boards are displayed at all our services.

Early Bird Movie and Dinner Sunday May 15 *Crossing Delancey* starring Amy Irving

Our annual **Early Bird Dinner and Movie** will be Sunday, May 15 at 2:30 pm in a new and improved venue: our de Toledo library/Shir Ami Shabbat sanctuary with an audio-visual system used by the de Toledo classes. This promises to be a more comfortable and enjoyable viewing experience.



Our movie will be the 1988 romantic comedy starring **Amy Irving** as **Isabelle (Izzy) Grossman**, 33 years old never-married Jewish woman who works in a fashionable bookstore and has a grandmother who lives a life steeped in old world Jewish culture on the Lower East Side of New York.

The story depicts Izzy's dilemma as she is courted by two suitors: Very Famous Author of the married variety, a jaded, world-weary celebrity who

woos her with Confucius's words about ripe plums and a single, responsible pickle merchant named **Sam Posner** who loves old ladies, particularly Isabelle's grandmother, and he's generous almost to a fault.



But what makes *Crossing Delancey* so appealing is the warm and leisurely way it arrives at its inevitable conclusion. All the different aspects of Izzy's busy, contradiction-filled life are carefully drawn, giving the film a realistic, well-populated feeling and a nicely wry view of the modern world. Yet somehow the director, **Joan Micklin Silver**, and the writer, **Susan Sandler** (adapting her own play), manage to combine a down-to-earth, contemporary outlook with the dreaminess of a fairy tale.

The movie starts at 3 pm with a pizza and salad dinner to follow. Admission is \$15 or \$20 for a sponsor. Please join us for an entertaining afternoon. See flyer or call **Helga** at (818) 340-5751.

Shop at Ralphs - Earn Money for Shir Ami

by Maralyn Soifer

Here is an easy way to earn money for our Temple. We

are now officially a **Ralphs' community agency**. All you have to do is follow these simple instructions to help earn money for Congregation Shir Ami.



1. If you don't have a Ralphs' rewards card already, go to the store or go to website **www.ralphs.com** and select **Order a Ralphs reward card**.
2. Once you have your card, go to the website: **www.ralphs.com** and select **Create an account**
3. If you have an account, your email address is your account ID. If you forgot your password, select **Forgot your password?** and you will receive an email with instructions to reset it. Follow the instructions to enter your email address and create a new password.
4. If you already have a Ralphs' reward card and an account, you will see Account Summary when you login. You can change to our Temple by clicking on **Edit** within **Community Rewards**.

You can do a search for Congregation Shir Ami by putting in the number **92785**. Our congregation will pop up and click on the button next to the name. Click on the button that saves the changes.

5. You should also check the bottom of your receipt when you shop. It should say "**At your request, Ralph's is donating to CONGREGATION SHIR AMI**".
6. If all else fails, call me in the evening at (818) 704-0306. I'll be happy to walk you through it.
7. Start Shopping!

Make sure that the clerk swipes your card each time you shop. Verify that your receipt shows a contribution to Congregation Shir Ami at the bottom.

Important Note: All participants must confirm their selection annually starting in September. On or after September 1, sign into your account and reconfirm Community Rewards selection.

Congregation Shir Ami
P.O. Box 6353
Woodland Hills, CA 91365

Thursday April 14, 7:30 - 8:30 pm “Around the Rabbi’s Tisch” at the Vorspans’

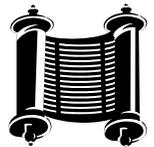


This popular Shir Ami educational series starts the second half of its 5776 season. Come join us for our weekly discussion of Rabbi Vorspan's selected topics of Jewish interest. We discuss Jewish texts and current events as they relate to Jewish values and our lives as Jews. This is a unique opportunity to learn and share in an informal format around the Vorspans' dining room table.

This will be our chance to learn and prepare for Passover starting the following week. Bring your questions for Rabbi Vorspan.

The Vorspans' home is located at 22320 Philipprimm St. in Woodland Hills. Call Rabbi Vorspan at (818) 888-9817 for more information.

Saturday April 9, 10:30 am: Torah/Shabbat Study at Schroeders' home (note change)



Stan Schroeder leads a Shabbat study session one Saturday morning a month. This month we will be meeting at the Schroeders' home, 8450 Winnetka Ave. #14 in Winnetka. The condo complex is located two blocks north of Roscoe across from Winnetka Park. There is a walkway to their unit near a fire hydrant, half a block south of Chase. Parking is available on Winnetka and Chase and a parking area entered from Chase. We discuss the weekly Torah portion, the Shabbat prayers that are included in our Contemporary service, and various subjects relevant to Conservative Judaism.



Our next session will be April 9. The Torah reading will be parsha *Tazria* (Leviticus:12.1 - 13.59). We will also discuss the upcoming Passover holiday, the most celebrated Jewish holiday of the year. We are commanded “*la asok b'divrei torah*” (to engage in the study of Torah). Join us to fulfill the mitzvah.

Call Stan at (818) 718-7466 for more information.

Congregation Shir Ami Early Bird Movie and Dinner
Crossing Delancey

Sunday May 15th 2:30 pm at
de Toledo High School

22622 Vanowen St., West Hills

Our "theater" is to the right of main lobby.

Movie starts at 3:00 followed by pizza and
salad dinner...and still drive home before dark!

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as **Isabelle (Izzy) Grossman**, 33 years old never-married Jewish
woman who works in a fashionable bookstore and has a grand-
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words about ripe plums and a single, responsible pickle merchant named **Sam Posner**
who loves old ladies, particularly Isabelle's grandmother, and he's generous almost to a
fault.

Each year our annual Early Bird Movie and dinner has been
lots of fun and an opportunity to schmooze with your Shir Ami
old and new friends. Come join us for an entertaining afternoon.



\$15 per person (\$20 for sponsor)

For more information call Helga Unkeless at (818) 340-5751.

Clip this form and send with payment by **May 9th** **(Early Bird Movie)**

Your name: _____ Phone No.: _____

of regular attendees: _____ # of sponsors: _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

Mail this form and payment to:

Congregation Shir Ami

P.O. Box 6353

Woodland Hills, CA 91365

Congregation Shir Ami Contract for the Sale of Hametz

Know ye that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi David Vorspan to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf to sell all Hametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by The Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. Hametz, doubt of Hametz, and all kinds of Hametz mixtures). Also Hametz that tends to harden and to adhere to a surface of inside of pans, pots or cooking and usable utensils, and all kinds of animals that have been eating Hametz or mixtures thereof. And to lease all places wherein the Hametz owned by me may be found.

Rabbi David Vorspan has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and detailed forms, as explained in the general authorization contract which have been given this year to Rabbi David Vorspan to sell the Hametz.

This general authorization is made a part of this agreement. Also do I hereby give the said Rabbi David Vorspan full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinical regulations and laws, and also in accordance with the laws of the State of California and of the United States. And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Signature _____

Address _____ City _____

Please note additional locations (summer home, cottage, work place) where Hametz might be located:

You may deliver in person or mail to: Congregation Shir Ami
P O Box 6353
Woodland Hills, CA 91365



Let's go for a walk around Lake Balboa!

Sunday, June 5th at 9:00 am

All Proceeds go to the Team Parkinson to support research

**Minimum donation: \$10 per person,
NO MAXIMUM!**



Charlene Kazel Sheilah Hart Congregation Shir Ami

Congregation Shir Ami Schedule of Shabbat Services 2016
Conducted by Rabbi David Vorspan at
de Toledo High School, 22622 Vanowen St., West Hills
Services held in library near the front entrance

Saturday 10:30 am (unless otherwise noted)



January 2016

Saturday, January 9 - Birthday
Consecration of Officers
Saturday, January 23 - Anniversary
Social Action Linen Shabbat

February 2016

Saturday, February 6 - Birthday
Saturday, February 20 - Anniversary

March 2016

Saturday, March 5 - Birthday
Saturday, March 19 - Anniversary

April 2016

Saturday, April 2 - Birthday
Saturday, April 16 - Anniversary

May 2016

Saturday, May 7 - Birthday
Saturday, May 21 - Anniversary

June 2016

Saturday, June 4 - Birthday
Saturday, June 18 - Anniversary



David Vorspan
Rabbi



Jordan Pistol
President

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