

# SHIRON



The Monthly Newsletter from Shir Ami in Newtown, Pennsylvania

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## SPECIAL JULY AUGUST SHIRON

## “So long, Shafty Seniors!”

Wishing our Sr. SHAFTY kids best of luck as they celebrate graduation and prepare for college.  
Top row (l to r): Jacob Shain, Jeremy Lyons, Daniel Levy, Robbie Abramson  
Bottom row (l to r): Carly Riggs, Hailey Rosenfield, Isaac Kravatz, Lauren Siegel, Alec Rubin

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**Where Tradition Meets Compassion**

# A Week in the Life



I want to begin this month's article by thanking you all for how supportive everyone has been after the announcement that I will be returning to Florida in a year. I began my letter to you all by saying what a special community this is, and that was only reinforced as so many of you have reached out with understanding and compassion. In my letter I shared my belief that a synagogue is much bigger than its rabbi, and I want to reinforce that by sharing with you the week our congregation had surrounding my announcement.

On Sunday, I was in King of Prussia celebrating the end of the OnBoard Fellowship of two of our board members, Debbie Rosenthal and Mindy Chesner. Debbie and Mindy have spent the past 18 months learning about Jewish lay leadership. They have heard from some of the greatest Jewish business minds in the region and beyond, and working with their mentor, our past president Ken Bieber, they are bringing their knowledge back to Shir Ami. As part of their fellowship they guided our Religious School task force, a group that brought together a diverse group of parents to work with Rabbi Eric to discuss what makes our school special and how it can continue to improve and grow in helping turn our kids into the kind of young Jewish adults we are hoping to create. While you will see products of their work in the coming year, the work is ongoing, and anyone who would like to be a part of the conversation can contact Debbie, Mindy, Nancy Green, our Religious School Committee Chair, or Rabbi Eric.

On Monday, I joined our president Sharon Benoff as she welcomed Shir Ami's past presidents to her home. Representing our founding families and those who have given so much to Shir Ami, this is a group of leaders who continue to give to the community they love so much. They not only wanted to know the state of the congregation, but they wanted to know what they can do to help move forward. We are truly fortunate to have such a group of committed leaders as mentors and examples for our current and future leadership!

On Tuesday, our new, dynamic Board of Directors met for their second meeting. The result of our governance restructuring means a leadership that is strong, focused, and ready to guide Shir Ami into its next chapter.

You can be extremely proud of your lay leadership, knowing that they are accessible to each of you and have the synagogue's best interest and long term success at the forefront of their minds.



Rabbi Joel Simon

At the same time as our board meeting, another meeting was taking place down the hall. Shir Ami's Active Adult K'hillah (to be called The ShAAK"), ensures that our empty nesters and retirees will continue to find new ways that Shir Ami can be their home. Whether social, educational, or tikkun olam, whether inside or outside our walls, this new committee is finding ways to better publicize what we already do, adding new programs and activities along the way.

And then, a few days later, I ended the week spending Shabbat afternoon with 40 young preschool and elementary school families. We ate pizza, played on a moonbounce, and celebrated Havdallah around the pool (with some in the pool). These families represent the future of Shir Ami, and seeing the spirit in the children's faces and the strength of friendship and community in their parents, it became even clearer that Shir Ami's future is strong.

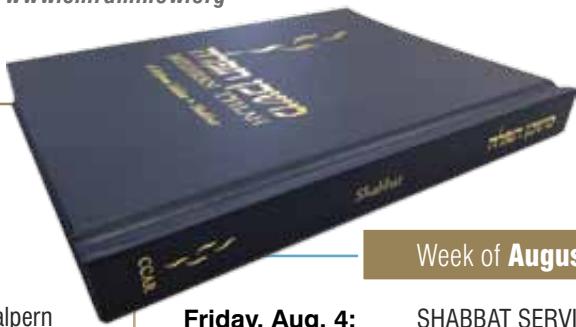
And this was only one week... Shir Ami's tag line is "Many Voices, One Song." In this one week, Shir Ami's many voices sang out and demonstrated what a kehillah kedosha, a holy community truly is. Whether preschool families, religious school families, empty nesters, active adults or seniors, every voice of Shir Ami is singing.

The hardest part of thinking about leaving Shir Ami in a year is leaving before I see all of this growth come to fruition, but this growth is not because of me. My time as a rabbi at Shir Ami has been special because of you, and my prayer is that each of you recognize that Shir Ami is a gem of a community because of you.

As the rabbinic and cantorial search committees look at candidates, this is the Shir Ami the candidates will see, but more importantly, as this community continues to grow, your voice will be a part of its song, and your voice will continue to grow with it.

# JULY | AUGUST WORSHIP CALENDAR

A schedule of services and other ritual events per week follow. Congregants of all ages are welcome at all of our services. All Erev Shabbat Services and B'nai Mitzvah will take place in the Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary, unless otherwise noted. For a full calendar listing of all upcoming Shir Ami events throughout our community, we invite you to visit [www.shiraminow.org](http://www.shiraminow.org)



## Week of July 1 & 7

**Saturday, July 1:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Faith and Rebecca Bowers in the Chodorow Family Life Center

**Friday, July 7:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
7:00pm led by Donna DeSantis and Marilyn Halpern Elliot Strom Chapel

**Saturday, July 8:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Sheldon Halpern and Alan Sheinberg in the Chodorow Family Life Center

## Week of July 14

**Friday, July 14:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
7:00pm led by Ken Bieber, Robert Golden, Rona Sarne, Nancy Siderits Elliot Strom Chapel

**Saturday, July 15:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Sara Goldstein and Harvey Litcofsky in the Chodorow Family Life Center

## Week of July 21

**Friday, July 21:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
7:00pm led by Mo Perera and Shari Beck-Nahman Elliot Strom Chapel

**Saturday, July 22:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Andrew Lasner in the Chodorow Family Life Center

## Week of July 28

**Friday, July 28:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
7:00pm led by Rabbi Joel Simon Elliot Strom Chapel

**Saturday, July 29:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Donna DeSantis, Rabbi Paula Goldberg, and Ivy Pearlstein in the Chodorow Family Life Center

## Week of August 4

**Friday, Aug. 4:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
(service leader still needed)  
7:00pm Elliot Strom Chapel

**Saturday, Aug. 5:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Sandy Greenfield and Norm Shachat in the Chodorow Family Life Center

## Week of August 11

**Friday, Aug. 11:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
7:00pm led by Rabbi Eric Goldberg Elliot Strom Chapel

**Saturday, Aug. 12:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Harvey Litcofsky in the Chodorow Family Life Center

## Week of August 18

**Friday, Aug. 18:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
7:00pm led by Donna DeSantis, Larry Lefkowitz, and Ivy Pearlstein Elliot Strom Chapel

**Shabbat at the Shore**  
7:00pm led by Rabbi Joel Simon Fran Jonas' House in Ventnor

**Saturday, Aug. 19:** SHABBAT NATURE HIKE  
10:00am led by Rabbi Eric Goldberg Baldpate Mountain

**CHEVRAT TORAH**  
(service leader still needed)  
10:15am in the Chodorow Family Life Center

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## Week of August 25

**Friday, Aug. 25:** SHABBAT SERVICE  
7:00pm with Rabbi Simon and Cantor Elson Abraham-Swerdlow Sanctuary

**Saturday, Aug. 26:** CHEVRAT TORAH  
10:15am led by Rabbi Simon in the Chodorow Family Life Center

*Note: all service leaders listed are accurate as of this printing.*

If you would like to share an achievement, milestone, refuah, simcha or other news in the Shiron, please contact us in the Shir Ami office: 215.968.3400

## MAZAL TOV!

To Rabbi Joel and Jacent Simon on the birth of their son, Judd Avery Simon

To Debbie and Mark Weinstein on the birth of their grandson, Oliver Jude Weinstein

To Mindy Chesner and Debbie Rosenthal on completing the OnBoard Fellowship

To Jason Slomovitz and Lauren Fine on their wedding

To Steven Slomovitz and Allison Gever on their wedding

To Debbie and Scott Stevens on the birth of their grandson, and to Rhoda and Mel Kreiner on the birth of their great grandson, Haiden Everett Stevens

To Rabbi Howard Kosovske and Janet Kramer on their engagement

To the Confirmation Class of 5777 on becoming confirmands

To all of our High School and College Graduates

## REFUAH SHLEIMAH

Debbie Berlin  
Mel Berman  
Norton Borochaner  
Judith Buch  
Jack Chesner  
Stacy Curry  
Rochelle Einheber  
Allen Getz  
Bonnie Goldstein  
Marjorie Goodman

Andrew Lasner  
Amy Lasner  
Estelle Lasner  
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Sandy Lerner  
Ann Levitt  
Saul Levy  
Susan Litcofsky  
Harold Mansfield  
Harriett Obus

Jack Orber  
Marci Rubin  
Greg Schwartz  
Harlee Schwartz  
Andrea Stein  
Brad Stoltz  
Dan Surkin  
Andrea Tankin  
Linda Young

## CONDOLENCES

To Barry Rush, on the passing of his mother Bette Reiner Rush

To Myrna Pressman, on the passing of her father Albert Yelson

To Allen Schwartz, on the passing of his son Eric Schwartz

To Jamie Sandman, on the passing of her father Stephen Block

To Marc Goodman, on the passing of his wife, and to Maura, Jacob, and Madison, on the passing on their mom, Donna Goodman

To Phyllis Geller, on the passing of her sister Ida Plaut

To Ann Aviles, on the passing of her mother Helene Rausch

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jason, Hilary, Jared and Gabriel Appel

Kenneth and Barbara Beckelman

Jason, Erica, and Lily Esposito

James, Beth, Asher, and Austin McAleese

Louis, Jaclyn, Nicholas, and Christian Schiller

Matthew, Shayna, and Lily Schwartz

Alex, Rachel, Manny, Jacob, Alayna, and Max Sigman and

Cynda Pancoast

## TODAH RABAH

To Marilyn and Alan Sheinberg for donating the Wine for our Passover Seder

To Neil Dayen, Barbara Roth, Ruth Cohen, and Sara Ettenger for helping with our May / June Shiron

To Allison Bloom-Leff, Eve Hauser, and Joanna Holzman for their help setting up for the Member Appreciation Barbecue

To the Men's Club of Shir Ami for barbecuing and helping throughout the Member Appreciation Barbecue

To Mo Perera, Mike Markowitz, and Mark Scher for bringing food to those that need after the BBQ

To Andy Lasner for his help with the fire for our Bi-Annual S'mores Shabbat

To Lauren and Ken Bonn, Diana and Erik Cohen, and Joanna and Nate Holzman for hosting our young family Havdallah party at the Bonns' home

## IF YOU NEED US:

The clergy of Shir Ami and our Chesed (Kindness) Committee want to be there for you in your times of need. if you are:

- facing an illness
- scheduled for surgery
- mourning a loved one
- in need of someone to talk to

Please also let us know if you want to (or don't want to) be listed in our Refuah Shleima list.

We also want to celebrate with you in times of joy if you:

- get engaged
- have a new child or grandchild
- win an award
- want to share other exciting news

For any of the above or anything else, contact the Shir Ami office or a clergy member directly. Thank you.

If you are in need of clergy for any reason, please contact Rabbi Simon:

[jsimon@shiramipa.org](mailto:jsimon@shiramipa.org) 215-968-3400 (x102) cell 813-435-8350

## SHIR AMI EVENTS: JULY AND AUGUST

### TRENTON THUNDER: Baseball



SUN., JULY 9 | 1:00pm

Arm and Hammer Park, Trenton, NJ

Cost: Tickets \$8 per person (Lap children under 3, FREE)

Watch the always exciting **Trenton Thunder** face off against the **New Hampshire Fisher Cats**. The game ends with an opportunity for kids to run the bases! Don't miss this exciting game with all your Shir Ami friends. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested in joining us so we can verify that we have enough tickets. Friends and family are welcome!

RSVP to Jodi Friedman: [jafriedman@shiramipa.org](mailto:jafriedman@shiramipa.org)

### MOVIE NIGHT@SHIR AMI



SAT., JULY 29 | 5:30pm

Shalom Hall Cost: FREE

Bring your friends and family of all ages for a big movie night!

We will watch "Inside Out" while enjoying Salad, Pizza, and Snacks.

RSVP to [jafriedman@shiramipa.org](mailto:jafriedman@shiramipa.org) by July 24 so we can plan.

### TISHA B'AV BLOOD DRIVE



American  
Red Cross

TUES., AUGUST 1

2:00pm until 7:00pm Shalom Hall

Blood supplies are low at this time of year. The Red Cross needs you! Your donation could save a life. To make an appointment, please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: **SHIR AMI**.

### SHABBAT AT THE SHORE



FRI., AUGUST 18 | 7:00pm

Fran Jonas' House, Ventnor

As many of our members are spending their weekends down the Shore, Shir

Ami is heading to you! Rabbi Simon will lead a guitar-led service on the beach. Don't miss this serene Shabbat with your toes in the sand at Fran Jonas' house, 104 South Sacramento Ave., in Ventnor, New Jersey. Please join us!

### WE NEED A FEW MORE SUMMER SERVICE LEADERS

If you are interested in leading or helping to lead a Friday Night Erev Shabbat or Saturday Morning Chevrat Torah service this summer (leading prayers, music, reading Torah (Saturday) or delivering a D'var Torah), please contact Alan Sheinberg. Rabbi or Cantor will be happy to work with you in preparation. Your willingness to help is a tremendous mitzvah for Shir Ami. For more info, contact Alan Sheinberg at **215-704-2020** or [asheinberg72@gmail.com](mailto:asheinberg72@gmail.com).

### SHABBAT HIKE

Baldpate Mountain • Titusville, NJ



SAT., AUGUST 19 | 10:00am

Please join us for a family-friendly Shabbat hike at Baldpate Mountain (28 Fiddlers Creek Rd, Titusville, NJ)! Baldpate Mountain has over 12 miles of trails (don't worry, we won't be walking all of them) and the highest point in Mercer County (which we will be hiking to), providing an opportunity to get closer with nature, our community, ourselves and God. While the hike is not difficult, there are some parts of the trail that strollers will not be easily able to navigate, so plan accordingly. Pets are also welcome to join us, as long as they are properly restrained by leash, etc.

To learn more about Baldpate Mountain:

<http://mercercountyparks.org/#!/parks/baldpate-mountain>

### HIGH HOLY DAYS - A LOOK AHEAD

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg** | Wed., Sept. 20

FOLLOWING SERVICES

As is our custom at Shir Ami, we will welcome the New Year with a receiving line and Holy Day Oneg following Erev Rosh Hashanah services on Wednesday, September 20. This gives us a chance to personally greet our Clergy and President and visit with one another while sharing some treats.

**How you can help:**

We would be so appreciative if you could bake a dessert (something that can be picked up) or buy a needed item. Please contact Becky Markowitz: [beckymarkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:beckymarkowitz@gmail.com), 215-262-4494

Thank You to Our Oneg Sponsors: Joshua McCoy and Linda Idleberg

### Yom Kippur Food Drive

Please remember to bring food to donate for our Annual Yom Kippur Food Drive. Collection will start at Rosh Hashanah and will continue until the Food Drive Sorting event on October 15th at 9:00am in Shalom Hall. Thank you to everyone for helping!

### High Holy Day Greeters Needed

We are still looking for a couple High Holy Day Greeters for the various services at Shir Ami. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jodi Friedman at [jafriedman@shiramipa.org](mailto:jafriedman@shiramipa.org)

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

As we begin the process of searching for Shir Ami's next senior Rabbi and Cantor, our committees will be providing regular updates via the Shiron and e-mails to all congregants.

We are sure that you are all aware by now that both search committees have been selected and work has already begun on these tasks.

For our Cantorial search, we have begun to compile the information you've provided to us from the survey that was sent out earlier in June. We want to thank those of you who responded to that survey and truly appreciate your participation and comments.

We've been in touch with the Joint Cantorial Placement Commission (JCPC), the organization that coordinates the placement process for Cantors, and have received information on exactly how the process works. Shir Ami's application will soon be completed and we will submit it to the JCPC as soon as the date for submission arrives.

As for the Rabbinic search, we were advised to wait until the beginning of July to contact the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) since a new person will be taking over as point of contact position there on July 1st. The committee is already working, however, on gathering

the necessary information that the application will require so that once the official submission date arrives, we'll be all prepared to send it off to them.

Several focus group sessions are also being planned for July 23rd so that everyone in the congregation will have an opportunity to voice their questions and comments about both searches. Please watch for future communications regarding those sessions.

In the meantime, if you have any other questions that you'd like to pose to either committee, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us! We welcome the opportunity to address any concerns you may have. We hope that everyone at Shir Ami has an enjoyable summer!

Cordially,

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## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ADS

Shir Ami is compiling advertisements for our updated Membership Directory. The Shir Ami Directory reaches approximately 700 families and will represent the membership years of 2017-18.

Please use this opportunity to advertise your own business/organization in the directory or to spread the word to potential sponsors in Bucks County by forwarding this information to them. In addition, we are offering space in the directory for Shir Ami member sponsorship via personal greetings (words of thanks and encouragement to the Shir Ami community, announcement of a simcha).

*Pricing for ads and greetings are as follows:*

### AD TYPE / AD SIZE

Personal Greeting (a maximum of **20 total** words per greeting) ... \$36

1/3 page (business card size) [ 3.5" x 2" ] ... \$125

1/2 page [ 4.25" x 3.5" ] ... \$225

Full page [ 4.25" w x 7.25" ] ... \$375

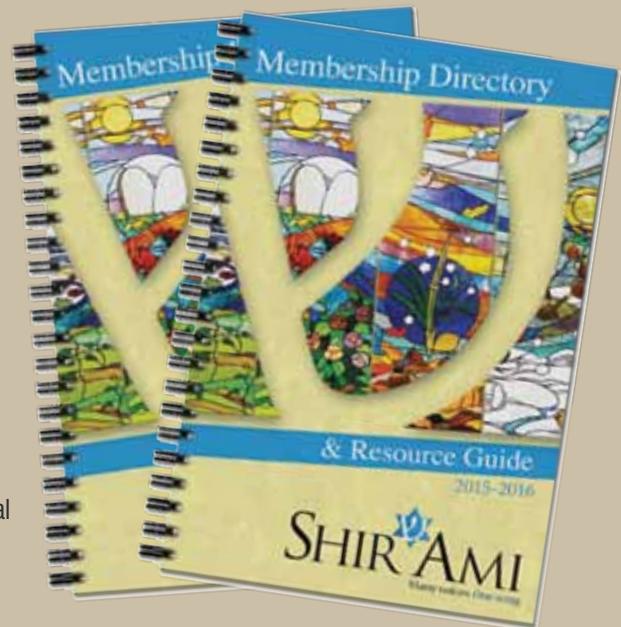
We appreciate your support. The deadline for ad copy and payment is Nov 1, 2017.

Your ad copy (in .pdf format, please send in 300dpi resolution for best results.) and personal greetings (in .doc format) can be e-mailed to: [wendysiegel1012@gmail.com](mailto:wendysiegel1012@gmail.com).

**Your check, made payable to "Shir Ami", can be sent to:**

Shir Ami | Attention: Membership Directory | 101 Richboro Road | Newtown, PA

If you have any questions, please email Wendy Siegel ([wendysiegel1012@gmail.com](mailto:wendysiegel1012@gmail.com)). Thank you in advance for your generous support in helping to make our Membership Directory even more successful this year.



# Calling All Who Are Musically Inclined



Cantor Mark Elson

### SHOFAR BLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

*Tekiah! Shevarim! Teruah!  
Tekiah Gedolah!*

If you have a shofar and would like to learn the notes blown on the High Holy Days contact Cantor Elson in July. Cantor Elson will be traveling in August, so please contact him now if you would like him to meet

with you. If all goes well you might be part of our Shofar Chorus this coming holy day season!

### HIGH HOLY DAY TORAH READERS

There are a few openings for Torah readers for the High Holy Days, especially for the 1:15 Family services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and for the Afternoon service on Yom Kippur. If you would like to be one of our High Holy Day Torah readers contact Cantor Elson in July.

### SHIR AMI ADULT CHOIR

Our Adult Choir is always looking for new singers. Please contact Cantor Elson in July if you would be interested in singing with the choir for the High Holy Days. If you prefer to join the choir after the High Holy Days you are welcome to do that as well.

### SHIR KLEZ! PLAYERS NEEDED

Our Shir Ami band, SHIR KLEZ!, is looking for instrumentalists. We especially need people who play violin, wind or brass instruments. Please let Cantor Elson know if you'd like to be part of the band.

Write to: [melson@shiramipa.org](mailto:melson@shiramipa.org)



## ADULT EDUCATION: Lifelong Learning

### An Introduction to Mussar

led by Rabbi Eric Goldberg

Dates: Wednesday July 5 and 12; Tuesday July 18;

Wednesday August 2, 9, 16 and 23

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Location: Pressman Library



**Overview:** Please join us this summer as we discover more about the Mussar Movement and, ultimately, ourselves.

What is Mussar? Meaning 'instruction' in Hebrew, Mussar was founded in Lithuania in the 19th century by Rabbi Israel Salanter. Mussar seeks to inspire Jews to greater inwardness, religious piety, and ethical conduct. Steeped in Jewish tradition and text going as far back as the Talmud, Mussar focuses on many attributes and characteristics, including savlanut (patience), gevurah (courage) and s'lchah (forgiveness), teaching that it is not simply enough to study these characteristics. Rather, one must 'live' these characteristics through thought/reflection, action and speech in order for these characteristics to truly root themselves in one's heart and mind.

Please join us for any or all of our thought-provoking sessions this summer. Family members of all ages are welcome and all texts we study will be translated into English.

If you have any questions and/or to let us know you will be attending, please contact Rabbi Goldberg at [rabbiegoldberg@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbiegoldberg@yahoo.com) 215-968-3254 / 856-359-5758

# Going to Israel While at The Shore

**“Wherever I go, I am always going to Jerusalem.”**

— Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav (1772-1810)

For many families, summer is a time to ‘go.’ Our children go to overnight camps in the Poconos, New England, Virginia and beyond. We go down the Shore to Margate, Ventnor, Longport and LBI. We go in our cars, hop on planes and embark on cruises that take our families and ourselves all over the world. But we can’t always be going to Jerusalem, can we?

Certainly, Rebbe Nachman didn’t mean it literally. After all, he was born in 1772 and died thirty-eight years later in 1810. He lived the majority of his life in the Ukraine and by most accounts only went to Israel once. So what did Rebbe Nachman mean?

I think that he was teaching that no matter where we are – at home, camp, down the Shore, or on vacation – we should always keep Jerusalem (and by extension, Israel) in our thoughts and hearts. That while we are engaging in arts and crafts, lying on a beach, enjoying our third ice cream sundae on the Lido deck or stuck in the middle seat on a long flight, we should remember that you always have a home that awaits your return (even if you have never been there before). We should check up on the news in Israel on our computers, tablets, iPhones and iPads. While we may be thousands of miles away, we are always in touch with Israel – we are always there.

All school, Israel is at the heart of everything we do. Whether learning about Israel’s geography through hands on activities like our interactive Israel map and 3D video, engaging in discussions about the geopolitical situation Israel faces with her neighbors and the world and/or learning about the diverse cultures and people that make up Israel through food, music and art, we at Shir Ami are committed to having our kids ‘go’ to Israel each and every time they step in their classroom. We want Israel embedded in their hearts and minds. And, God willing, we hope they will have the chance to literally go to Israel many, many times in their lives.

I hope this summer finds you enjoying time with family, friends and loved ones. I hope it is filled with warm days and sunny skies. I hope it is a time that allows you to ‘go’ and explore the world – to try new foods, experience new cultures and walk new paths. And most of all, I hope this summer finds you ‘going’ to Jerusalem each and every day. L’Shalom!

## IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL INFORMATION

- You should have received 2017-2018 Religious School Registration forms via email and snail mail. If you did not receive a registration form, please be in touch with Rabbi Eric Goldberg at [rabbiegoldberg@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbiegoldberg@yahoo.com), 215-968-3254/856-359-5758 and/or in person.
- Please be in contact with Rabbi Goldberg if you know someone who is interested in learning more about our school.
- Sunday September 10 is our Opening Day for the 2017-2018 School Year. Please mark your calendar and be on the lookout for information on the first day of school and beyond.
- You should be receiving emails from Rabbi Goldberg all throughout the summer with Religious School information, Israel updates and Jewish activities you can engage in with your family. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact Rabbi Goldberg.



Rabbi Eric Goldberg,  
Religious School Director





Shari Beck-Nahman,  
ELC Director

## Excitement Abounds at our E.L.C.

Camp Katan, although small (as its name suggests), has gotten off to a wonderful start. The children are engaged in age appropriate, fun activities. Our themed weeks include Friendship, Bugs & Garden, Dinosaurs, Outer Space, Star Spangled Banner, Frozen™, Music, and A big Hawaiian Farewell. We had a visit from Bill Wood Storyteller, who made us laugh and sing along with his Dinosaur Stories. We also got splashed by the big fire truck and had fun with instruments with Miss Lori. The children have been conducting science experiments, doing art projects, cooking,

swimming and going on nature walks. They have been expressing themselves through creative movement, music and games. Our wonderful teachers / counselors have been providing a positive, safe and loving environment that promotes self esteem and independence, as well as a great time for our children.

While the kids are busy having fun, summer is a quiet time for me to reflect on the previous school year and start planning for next year. It is a great time to focus on new programs, curriculum and staffing. I am excited about our growing Infant Center, Preschool and Before and After School Enrichment Program (aka PlayCare). Miss Amy has created such an enriching curriculum for children to learn through art, exploration and imagination after school hours.



**INFANT CENTER**

The Shir Ami Early Learning Center offers an Infant Center that is warm and cozy and has a home-like environment for your new baby. Through lots of hugs and attention, your baby will be loved and nurtured by experienced caregivers who focus on each child's individual developmental needs.

Starting at 6 Weeks

12 Month Program  
(Rolling admission based on availability)

Monday-Friday  
7:00am until 6:00pm

Teachers Certified in  
Infant CPR and First Aid

Call for more information.  
**CRIBS ARE FILLING UP!**

**SHIR AMI**  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

101 Richboro Road | Newtown, PA 18940

Contact Shari Beck-Nahman, Director  
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215.968.6255 [www.shiraminow.org](http://www.shiraminow.org)

Experiential Learning has become an integral part of our daily curriculum as well as our After School Program curriculum.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, our wonderful and dedicated teachers are already preparing for the arrival of the children. We want everything to be just perfect. All children, regardless of abilities or background deserve beautiful environments. If we want children to grow up to have an appreciation for the arts and aesthetics, then we must live what we believe. Environments that lack beauty and comfort are stressful and tiring. A classroom environment should be enriched and equipped with materials from home, nature, and from the children and adults themselves. This is what we thrive for as your child enters his/her classroom; a purposeful, engaging, interesting and functional environment that blends and balances the best elements of home, school and community where all learners can thrive.



Ferne Levy, Youth Director

another wonderful year for students starting in the fall – one that is sure to be full of leadership roles, social action opportunities, and most definitely fun for all ages!

See where your kids fit best and sign up for a great year of Shafty:

## A Little Something for Everyone

Our most recent Shafty year, while packed with awesome activities, has come to an end. We are fortunate to have had so many Shir Ami kids involved in our variety of youth group programs, like: snow tubing, laser tag, regional NFTY trips, pumpkin picking, pro sporting events, and more.

And while we are sad to say goodbye to our graduating seniors (featured on the cover of this issue), we look forward to



### SR. SHAFTY (9TH-12TH GRADE)

Our senior level group is one of the most exciting and successful youth groups in NFTY/PAR (North American Federation of Temple Youth in the PA Region). We offer kids social events, fundraising, community service, weekend retreats, leadership opportunities as well as friendships that can last a lifetime. An exciting year ahead awaits, with activities such as the midnight bowling/shul-in, a 76ers game, laser tag, and much more.

### JR. SHAFTY (7TH-8TH GRADE)

We offer great fun and socialization coupled by some exposure to fundraising, social action, leadership and a Jr. Youth Kallah weekend retreat (called JYK) in December at Camp Harlam. Some of our activities include Ultrazone, Comedy Sportz, and SkyZone trampoline park.



### BONIM (5TH-6TH GRADE) AND CHALUTZIM (3RD-4TH GRADE)

For our youngest youth groupers, we try to build upon social experiences outside



of the classroom. These groups have the opportunity to attend an exciting event every month, including such popular outings as: hibachi, roller skating, movie night, Hanukkah Hop, cooking among many others.

\*3rd-8th grade SHAFTY fees are included in religious school dues

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## Men's Club of Shir Ami

### INTRODUCTION FROM NEW MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT Mike Markowitz

It is with great excitement that I take over as the new president of the Men's Club. I want to personally invite you to come out to our 2017-2018 programs. This year we will focus on the Shir Ami community. A little information about myself. I am new to Shir Ami. My wife, Barbara, and I have been with members of the synagogue for a little over 2 years. I have spent over 30 years being part of another Mens Club leadership group. My biggest challenge is to meet other men in the synagogue and to build new friends. What better way to do that then become the President. Hopefully we will all get a chance to meet one another and have the opportunity to forge new friendships.

Come September you will see a more visible Men's Club. Our programming will move back into the synagogue with a distinct purpose of growing our Community participation. We will be doing more joint programming with our WOSA. There was a commercial years ago - with a tag line of "Try us ... You will like us".

If you need ever to reach out to me, please don't hesitate to call me. I can be reached at 215-680-6778 or mike.markowitz@gmail.com. I am quite chatty and look forward to talking with you. So please don't hesitate to reach out and talk to me. I am always looking for new ideas.

#### ***I also want to take a moment to introduce you to my new board:***

Mo Perera – Exec VP

Alan Rosenberg – VP for synagogue outreach

Dave Novick – Treasurer/Finance

Bob DeSantis – Secretary

Nate Snyder – Membership/Programming

Stan Cohen – Committees

Dave Riggs – Communication

Fred Fisher —Past President

(thank you Fred, for everything you did the last 2 years)

Look for our calendar over the summer as we finish up our programming. Have a happy and safe summer ... I will see everyone in September!

## Pressman Library

Our Summer months have arrived and we welcome the warmth of lazy days ahead - perhaps on the Jersey shore beaches, the South Sea Islands, the silky sands of the South of France bordering the Mediterranean, or even on our own Terrace or our own lawn at the rear of our own homes - on those sunny days we'll recline in the most comfortable piece of furniture we can find - we'll snooze or we'll READ. It is suggested that a visit be made to your Pressman Library - no late fees - no time limit and an incredible selection of reading matter from which to choose. There's classic literature which you have always intended to pursue, fiction old and new which you wanted to read, cookbooks to flip through and perhaps clip a delectable offering and many volumes containing deeper thought. VISIT your PRESSMAN Home and choose!

Did you know that the oldest functioning Jewish Library Ets Haim/ Livraria Montezinos founded in 1639 is located at the Portuguese Synagogue in the Jewish Quarter of Amsterdam. It houses a magnificent collection of 30,000 books and hundreds of rare manuscripts. Look at the current Collection at [www.etshaimmanuscripts.nl](http://www.etshaimmanuscripts.nl).

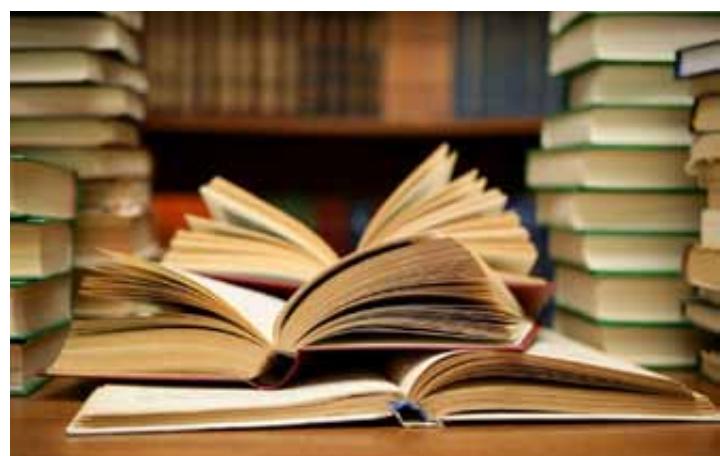
Although slightly younger in age but perhaps a little larger and closer To home is the Library of Congress founded in 1800 and is the largest library In the world with more than 164 million items on 838 miles of bookshelves. In 1815, Congress approved the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 books for a mere \$23,950 - so that the Library has grown somewhat!

Israel is in the course of erecting a new National Library designed by A Swiss architectural firm scheduled to be completed in 2020. Look [web.nli.org.il](http://web.nli.org.il).

London - Victoria Beckham, the fashion maven who has a new kids' Clothing line for Target, takes her little ones to Daunt Books - a most wonderful bookshop at the end of her road where they browse [Dauntbooks.co.uk](http://Dauntbooks.co.uk).

Have a perfectly wonderful summer!

– Jean S.



## SUPPORT SHIR AMI

### CLOTHING COLLECTION

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Shir Ami is pleased to present our ongoing Keepers of Jewish Excellence program, allowing all members the opportunity to study throughout the year. Please consider becoming a "Keeper" here at Shir Ami. Your donation in turn supports all of the important mitzvot of learning and prayer that we share, and what's more, allows us to continue our Lifelong Learning commitments.

**Thank you very much to our current "keepers":**

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If you are interested in being a challenge giver for the 2017-2018 year, please contact Rabbi Simon or Phil Nordlinger for more information. Your generosity helps us strengthen our congregation. We couldn't be here without you!

As a member in good standing of Shir Ami, YES, I would like to be a member of Circle of Giving for the fiscal year July, 2017 through June, 2018. I pledge, in addition to my FULL Temple dues, the following:

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On the anniversaries of remembering, a Jew remembers not only by feeling, but by doing. Kindling a yahrzeit candle the evening before is one thing we do; the Kaddish spoken at a gathering of our people is another. All names will be read on the Friday evening before the yahrzeit. You are encouraged to honor your loved one with a living memorial with a contribution to one of our special Temple funds.

### TO BE READ JULY 7

**July 8**  
Henry Asnen  
H. Robert Cohen

**July 9**  
David Adler  
Ida Caplin  
Ann Cohen  
Sylvia Nessel  
Ben Robbins

**July 10**  
Murray Berger  
Irene Bloom

**July 11**  
Ann Blumberg  
Emanuel Cohen

**July 12**  
Mary Abrams  
Renay Baron  
Etta Fleisher  
Zaki Maleh  
Phillip Millstein

**July 13**  
Margarit Buchman  
Jean Feldman  
Max Lewis  
Tema Moar  
Mary Rigetsky  
Leonard Silverman  
Verda Young

**July 14**  
Helen Barish  
Olene Gale  
Harold Oppenheim  
Doris Sacks  
Ed Silver  
Monroe Zicherman

### TO BE READ JULY 14

**July 15**  
Margaret Beiber  
Samuel Bocchieri  
Wayne Garten  
Sol Grossman  
Ethel Lipkin  
Judith Oppenheim  
Lillian Saltzberg  
Jack Solomon  
Erna Strauss

**July 16**  
Jack Brilliant  
Sylvia Kohen  
Lila Paul  
Leonard Snyderman  
Isadore Szrajber  
Herbert Taylor

**July 17**  
Maida Bader  
Mary Sandman Friedman  
Bill Harbaugh

**July 18**  
Mollie Berman

**July 19**  
Helyn Jacobs  
Samuel Laster  
Marie Marini  
George Leon Marks  
Nancy Lynn Moskowitz  
Irwin Pollner  
Benjamin Schwartz  
Goldie Sheinberg  
Margaret Strauss  
Barry Toff

**July 20**  
George Goldberg  
Jerome Rhode  
Morris Rosofsky  
Rita Schachere

### July 21

Isadore Felser  
Bert Goldberg  
Walter Holstrom  
Vivian Jones

### TO BE READ JULY 21

**July 22**  
Maxine Albertson  
Martha Hess  
Sylvia Nissenbaum  
Harry Pressman

**July 23**  
Steven Eckstein  
Clare Green

**July 24**  
Charlotte Friedman  
Esther Klayton  
Joseph Lisman  
Charlotte Podgor

**July 25**  
Morris Fineman  
Ruth Kalafer  
John Ponzio  
Mary Stein  
Joel Weinman

**July 26**  
Annette Day  
Arnold Friedman  
Clifford Getz  
Edith Lasner

**July 27**  
Benjamin Basson  
Anna Fogel  
Sam Rabinowitz

**July 28**  
Morris Lashinsky  
Charles Presser

### TO BE READ JULY 28

**July 29**  
Shirley Bailin  
Isdore Chosed  
David Lasner  
Albert Rothman  
Berte Toff  
Ted Weintraub

**July 30**  
Emanuel Halpern  
Catherine Newton Gaines  
Annette Robinson  
Dena Stein

**July 31**  
Joseph Abrams  
Leo Bieber

**August 1**  
Charles Eckstein  
Bess Meyer  
Milford Meyer  
Jack Snyder

**August 2**  
Earl Gitter  
Belle Green  
Bessie Leventhal  
Anna Sommer

**August 3**  
Israel Armon  
Norma Frank  
Benjamin Hoffman  
Kay Swerdlow  
Abraham Vineberg  
Stella Wieselberg

**August 4**  
Milton Donn  
Lois Ganzman  
Leon Gratz  
Harry Meissner

### TO BE READ AUGUST 4

**August 5**  
Gertrude Goldfield  
Sadie Goldfinger  
Irene Kofsky  
Marilyn Kopew  
Herbert Kopins  
Jack Maleh  
Marilyn Moskowitz  
Jacob Schildkraut

**August 7**  
Sandra Abel  
Harry Fogel  
Ava Gattone

**August 8**  
Victor Kushner  
Julius Lieberman

**August 9**  
Rhona Bruck  
Beatrice Greenlick  
Helaine Stein  
Joseph Talewsky

**August 10**  
Samuel Bunks  
Stanley Small

**August 11**  
Barbara Gordon  
Vita Marchello  
Fannie Miller  
Myrtle Scherr

### TO BE READ AUGUST 11

**August 12**  
Phyllis Greenland  
Arthur Frederick Reses  
June Warner

(continued)

## YAHRZEIT LIGHT CEREMONIAL

The family gathers at dusk, before the evening meal, on the eve of the anniversary of the death of the departed. The head of the family speaks: At this moment which bears the memory of our beloved (name), let us join hands in a token of God's grace. A link has been broken in the chain of affection which has long bound us together, yet the blessed bonds of home and love remain. With prayerful heart, we receive this divine gift of life which holds us together in family unison.

Eternal God, we thank You that, in this time of sadness and loss, You have helped to keep us strong. Though the pain of our loss is still present for us, we know that love will always be stronger than death. And so, to You, we lift our hearts, because we know that our loved one continues to be a living presence in our lives. We acknowledge your mercy, O God, who strengthens us with faith and peace. As our loved one lives for us in these words and memories, we kindle this yahrzeit light and sanctify it in the remembrance of the Divine Word: The spirit of humanity is the light of the Lord. (Kindle the Memorial Light.) ZECHER TZADIK LIV-RACHA. May the memory of the righteous be an eternal blessing.

**August 13**  
 Esther Beggelman  
 Elaine Berger  
 Nettie Lurie  
 Jesse Sternblitz

**August 14**  
 Rose Frimet  
 Bernard Glazer  
 Raymond Leace  
 Arthur Leibowitz  
 Roslyn Levitt  
 Samuel Lurie  
 David Rothstein  
 Norman Spector

**August 15**  
 Phyllis Armon  
 Leon Egelberg  
 Rose Egelberg  
 Paul Goldstein  
 Bess Fleisher Rosenfeld

**August 16**  
 Harry Abrams  
 Selma Desh  
 Leon Ludwig  
 Sophie November  
 Ruth Snowiss

**August 17**  
 Joan Berger  
 Daniel Goldberg  
 Yetta Landsman  
 Betty Norkin  
 Jared Rosenthal

**August 18**  
 Jeffrey Kanner

**TO BE READ  
AUGUST 18**

**August 19**  
 Melvin Day  
 Ann Elfenbein  
 Samuel Glassburg  
 Clare Kreiner  
 Beatrice Lashinsky

**August 20**  
 Arlyne Buondonno  
 Sara Goldstein  
 Evelyn Libeskind  
 Michael November  
 Ida Oring  
 Sylvia Shavell  
 Harry Wulfsohn

**August 21**  
 Dorothy Firestein  
 Lawrence Gold  
 Irma Leboff  
 Morris Pachter  
 Irwin Shapiro

**August 22**  
 Dorothy Cooper  
 David Kaye  
 Marcus Lester  
 Sol Rifkin

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 David Barnett  
 John DeSantis  
 Reuben Gershel  
 Herbert Greenblatt  
 Grace Schlenker  
 Sylvia Shinberg

**August 24**  
 Jeffrey Weiss

**August 25**  
 Samuel Blumberg  
 Howard Cowan  
 Elizabeth Finkelstein  
 Andrew Getz  
 Edward Levitt

**TO BE READ  
AUGUST 25**

**August 26**  
 Gloria Bader  
 Reba Barish  
 Lawrence Ettenger  
 Dorothy Levine  
 Morris Strom  
 Mary Vuolo

**August 27**  
 Annie Busch  
 Bernard Gases  
 Eric Groder  
 Evelyn Lieberman  
 John Schmatz

**August 28**  
 Mary Berger  
 Susan McGinnis  
 Betty Park  
 Jacquelyn Skolnik  
 Albert Stolinsky

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 Albert Kniaz  
 Seymour Neadle  
 Goldie Rubin  
 Dinah Verker

**August 30**  
 Jack Friedman  
 Sylvia Schnee

**August 31**  
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 A. Goldstein  
 Paul Kressman  
 Samuel Malkin  
 Deedee Talewsky  
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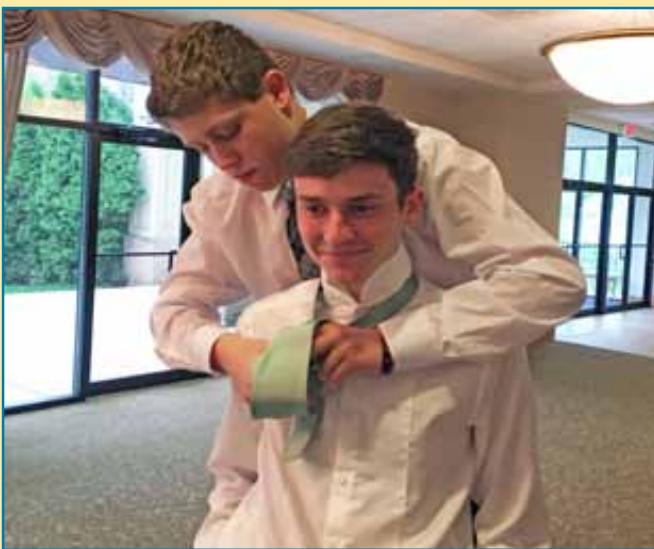
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