

## Hosting a Shabbat Dinner at Shir Ami

*Thank you for hosting a Shabbat Dinner at Congregation Shir Ami  
We know that it will be a very rewarding moment for you and your family*

### **Shabbat dinners have been attracting attendance by 40 + people**

To ensure seating and food for everyone, we will be sending an invite two weeks prior, asking members to RSVP so that we will know exactly how many will be attending the dinner. We will provide hosting family with a firm number three days prior and can provide a close estimate earlier in the week if needed.

**Hosting family provides** kosher wine, white grape juice, cold, beverages

**Shir Ami provides** catered food, challah, paper goods tablecloths, plates, napkins, utensils, leftover containers  
*If you wish to participate in food choices or provide any of the food for the dinner, please contact Sara Meiri*

#### **1. Set-Up and Clean-Up / We are hiring a helper to assist**

- The hosting family is responsible for set-up and clean-up together with the hired helper
- Plan to arrive at 6:15pm for set-up which includes:
  - laying out food on serving table
  - setting dessert on side table
  - drinks on back counter
  - setting each table with tablecloths and place settings *plates/napkins/utensils provided*
  - pouring wine/white grape juice/setting up kiddush cups
- Clean-up includes:
  - clearing all tables
  - packing leftovers in containers and encouraging other to take leftovers home

#### **2. Kosher Wine | White Grape Juice for children**

Each hosting family provides a kosher wine and white grape juice.

- Mini wine cups and serving trays are provided.
- Hosting family is responsible for pouring the wine and white grape juice in the cups
- It is nice to have someone from your family stand at the entrance to the oneg with the trays of wine and grape juice to offer everyone a cup as they enter.

#### **3. Cold Beverages** Selections are up to you. Here are some suggestions:

- Juice, bottles of flavored seltzer, soda, whatever you choose
- Please plan to take all leftover beverages home with you.
- *Coffee and tea are provided*

#### **4. Hosting family is invited to**

- Light the Shabbat Candles during services
- Hold the Kiddush cup at the oneg

It's nice to add flowers or other decorations if you choose.  
All décor that you bring must go home with you!

***Please consult with Sara Meiri if you have any questions  
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