

Introduce Yourself: Sherri Morr

What's Your Story?

Hi, my name is Sherri Morr. I am new to ChaiVillageLA. One activity I enjoy is the Tuesday morning Walk With the Rabbi. I felt very sentimental as a Jew one Tuesday during Elul, the month of preparation for the High Holidays. On that day, Rabbi Geller blew the Shofar before we walked and again on one of the corners near Rancho Park. How cool it was to watch drivers stop, roll down their windows and listen.

Family is important to me. I have three wonderful sons who invite me to their adventures. One son spent his junior year abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. On a visit, we went on an elephant safari and spent time at orphanages in the townships. That same son also lived in Uganda and we shared Passover with the Abayahudah Tribe. We went on a gorilla trek in the Rwanda forest. Afterward, park guides presented me with a "gorilla trekking certificate."

When another son was just 7 years old, we traveled across the Grand Tetons in Calistoga wagons. One night we were attacked by play-acting Indians! That son is now grown and married. He and his wife operate the Gentle Barn, an animal rescue farm for large animals in Santa Clarita, CA.

My youngest son (soon to be a dad) was a star athlete. So we traveled to small towns across America to cheer him on and watch him win trophies for soccer and little league baseball.

Professionally, I am a nonprofit fundraiser. Prior to serving as West Coast director of the American Society of the University of Haifa, I was western director of the Jewish National Fund. I also developed fundraising campaigns for Jewish Women's Theater, Jewish World Watch, and the American Technion Society.

In that capacity, I have since the early 70s escorted individuals and groups to Israel. Once I took a family of 17. Actors William Shatner and Hal Linden went there with me on their own trips. Spending time with Israelis has always moved me spiritually. I have tremendous respect & appreciation for their challenges and accomplishments.

My husband Paul Verger and I have been married for 3 years. We are newlyweds! We also love to travel and have been to Israel, Cuba and Alaska. We are excited to be part of ChaiVillageLA, to attend events that nourish our interests and to meet so many wonderful people.