



Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot

Get Involved! Make a Difference! Make New Friends!

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Shir Ha-Ma'alot offers a wealth of opportunities make your membership come alive. We invite and encourage you to get involved in committees, groups and volunteer activities as a way to meet other members, share your talents, and strengthen the bonds of community.

Please check the committee, programs and projects that interest you. The chairperson of the committee or event will contact you.

Member Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Committees:

- Chesed** (caring committee for illness, deaths and births) – Our Chesed Committee is the soul of our Congregation. Help reach out to fellow members in times of joy and of difficulty. Chesed Committee members are there to assist our congregants with life events such as welcoming a new baby, comforting a member when a loved one dies or simply offering a ride to services. Come be a part of the special group.
- Membership** – Bring your smiles, warmth, creativity and enthusiasm to promote and maintain our SHM family. Through social interactions and introductions, the Committee welcomes and integrates members.
- SHMA** – (Shir Ha-Ma'alot Action or Social Action) is the Social Action umbrella of activities at SHM. Currently the activities include Food & Necessities Donations, Darfur Action Committee, Green Committee, Blood Drives, Holocaust education and Names Project and many others. New subcommittees form as leadership and inspiration emerge.
- Israel Matters** – If you have a passion for Israel or are just interested in learning more about the contributions Israel makes to the world, Israel Matters is the committee for you! You will learn about the politics of the region and the amazing technology being developed in Israel, along with participating in wonderful celebrations like Israel's Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut. By putting your name on the email list, you will get connected to the heart and soul of Israel and will stay "in the know"!

Groups:

- Chavurah** (Hebrew for friendship group) – When you join a chavurah, you'll find yourself connected to our growing congregation via more intimate groups who share your needs and interests. A chavurah consists of 7 to 10 households – single, couples and/or families – who meet regularly for social, religious, educational or cultural activities.
- Sisterhood** – The Sisterhood brings the women of SHM together for fun and friendship through social events such as the Mother/Daughter Tea, craft night, game night, book discussions, movies, and other great activities. Sisterhood is open to all members of our congregation. \$20 annual fee.
- Brotherhood** – Brotherhood is a great way for men and their families to socialize and build a stronger Jewish identity. This dynamic group offers men the opportunity to bond through the SHM softball team, bagel sales, building our Sukkah, billiards, annual Father/Daughter dance and other special events. \$20 annual fee.

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Youth Groups – Come participate in SHM’s incredible and cutting-edge Youth Program, “My Place@SHM.” We offer three units for children, 4th–12th grade, consisting of social, religious and cultural programming in an informal and fun setting. Please check the youth group(s) of interest.

SHMoFTY (9th–12th grade) JiFTY (6th–8th grade) MiTY (4th & 5th grades)

Religious School Volunteer! – Support our teachers as a room parent and/or volunteer at special school programs.

Chai Society (Social group for those 60 & over) – Chai Society is an active group of senior Temple members who enjoy being involved in congregational activities. This dynamic group sponsors and participates in a series of educational and social events during the year. The word “senior” is used very loosely, as these programs are open to ALL MEMBERS of SHM, regardless of age! Join us!

Choir (Adult and Youth) – SHM has great musical talent in our Congregation! Our Temple is proud to have three choirs to celebrate and accompany our Shabbat services. Please check the choir group(s) of interest.

Adult Choir Maccabee Choir (4th grade & up) Israelite Choir (K–4th grade)

Adult Musicians/Youth Band – Music is an integral part of our congregation. Come share your musical talent at our Shabbat services. Please check the band(s) of interest.

Adult “Temple Musicians” Youth Band (Advanced Skill Level)

Parent(s) with Babies – Come to the Temple to meet other parents with young children! The group is open to all moms and dads with children 3 and under.

Brit Tikvah (Support group for parents of children with special needs) – This on-going program provides a safe place to talk about the joys and difficulties families face, and how to ensure your child feels safe, affirmed, and loved in a Jewish environment.

Social Interaction – Get to know other SHM members through fun, engaging activities. Please check the group of interest:

Knitting Mahjong

Special Interest – Please specify: _____

Volunteer – Make a difference and make new friends!

High Holy Day Ushering (Fall)

High Holy Day Parking/Security (Fall)

Break-the-Fast (Fall)

Selichot (Fall)

Sukkot Pizza Dinner (Fall)

Chanukah Dinner (December)

Purim Gala/Fundraiser (Spring)

Purim Carnival (Spring)

Marriage Reconsecration (Spring)

Passover Seder (Spring)

Cantor’s Concert (Spring)

Israel Expo (Late-Spring)

Shavuot (Late-Spring)

Baking for the Temple as needed

Assemble Bulk Mailing

Greeting at Friday evening Shabbat Services

Volunteering in the Temple Office

If you have any questions, please contact our membership director, Stacy Bleiweis, at (949) 857-2226 or email: stacy@shmtemple.org.