



Dear Prospective Congregant,

Shalom and Welcome! We are delighted and honored by your interest in our congregation and we look forward to welcoming you for a visit or as a congregant.

Congregation Shir Shalom is located in Ridgefield, Connecticut, just across the border from Westchester County in New York State. We formed in 2015 through the union of Temple Shearith Israel (Ridgefield, CT) and Jewish Family Congregation (South Salem, NY). Our combined congregations have been vibrant centers for Jewish life in mid-Fairfield and northern Westchester counties for over 50 years.

As a congregation we seek to inspire Jews to connect and add meaning to their lives and make the world a better place. We work to create a dynamic and innovative community through worship, education, music, social action, and fun events. We are a member of the Union for Reform Judaism and we welcome people from diverse Jewish backgrounds as well as family members from other faith traditions and people exploring conversion to Judaism.

Our inclusive community encourages a sense of belonging and is committed to welcoming individuals and families of diverse ages, racial, cultural, socio-economic and religious backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations. Our congregants are looking to form deep, meaningful, and lasting relationships, and are hungry for Judaism and Jewish culture. We offer a full range of Jewish opportunities for all ages. Our programs include an energetic Early Childhood Center, thriving Religious School, outstanding bar and bat mitzvah education program, engaging adult education, exciting music, meaningful social action initiatives, monthly Tot Shabbat gatherings (brief service and communal dinner for families with children under six years), active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Teen Youth Groups (NFTY & BBYO), programs for adults, community-wide social events, guest speakers, musicians and more.

Enclosed is important information about affiliation with Congregation Shir Shalom. Our congregation could not exist without the support of those who are committed to our strong, growing congregation, and sustaining a vibrant Jewish presence in our communities.

Please contact me with any questions (203-438-6589; RabbiReiner@OurShirShalom.org); I am eager to meet and learn more about you and your connection with Judaism.

With warm wishes,

Rabbi David L. Reiner