



Dear Prospective Member,

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

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

As a congregation we seek to inspire Jews to add meaning to their lives and make the world a better place. We are committed to creating a traditional, dynamic, and innovative community through worship, education, music, social action, and fun community events. While we are a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, we welcome people from diverse Jewish backgrounds including people seeking to become Jewish, and non-Jewish family members. Our inclusive community encourages a sense of family and is committed to welcoming individuals and families with diverse ages, racial, cultural, socio-economic and religious backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations. Our members 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 opportunities, 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), Neirof (geared towards members 60+), community-wide social events, guest speakers, musicians and more.

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

Please contact us with any questions; we are eager to meet and learn more about you and your connection with Judaism.

With warm wishes,

*Rabbi David L. Reiner*