

Dear Shir Ami Members and Guests,

This Friday evening June 17th, we will have a beautiful Shir Ami Beach Shabbat Service at Tod's Point in Old Greenwich, and we hope you will come! We will start gathering at 6 PM in this beautiful spot on the sandy part of the beach, and the service will begin at 6:45 PM. The list of attending clergy, members and guests will be at the gatehouse by 5:00 PM so if you would like to come a little earlier and go for a swim or a walk, feel free to do so after 5 PM.

Please read everything in this email carefully before coming.

This Shabbat will be exceptionally meaningful because it will include

- The installation of our new clergy – Rabbi David Levy whom we are excited to welcome!
- A bittersweet farewell to Cantor Jill Abramson who has made such a meaningful contribution to our congregation these past 3 years.
- A brief ceremony to thank our outgoing Board Officers and install the new Officers.
- And a bonus treat of a baby naming for Indigo Garcin, the granddaughter of Peggy and Jerry Sturman

So far the extended forecast looks mostly promising and we are very hopeful that the service will go on as planned at Tod's Point. We will continue to monitor the weather and we are working on a Plan B in case of rain. We will let those who have registered know if there is any change. **Please check your email at 5 PM for an update on gathering in-person.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to register if you haven't done so already. *It's important that those who plan to come in person are registered (especially if you are a non-resident of Greenwich) because we will be giving the list of names to the gatehouse at Tod's Point so they will let you in.*

Here is the Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person, or in case of rain. The Service will be available to watch on Zoom starting at 6:45 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83844448566?pwd=RklzTlpXMTFVd3NrU3lGRnNnQ1VDdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 4444 8566

Passcode: 042237

If you are coming in-person, please read carefully the information below about what to bring, the safety protocols, and where to meet:

What to bring:

- Bring your own beach chairs or blankets for the service,
- Bring food, drinks and utensils for your own family/group picnic.
- Take a sweater in case it gets cool when the sun goes down.

What are the safety protocols:

A serious congregational responsibility is to ensure a safe and healthy environment to worship for all of our congregants, guests and clergy. To help us do so, please follow all of these COVID safety protocols:

- Take a home rapid test on Friday if you are unvaccinated, **or** if you have recently traveled, if you have been exposed to someone COVID+ within the last 5 days, if you have symptoms consistent with COVID or that may seem like allergies.
- Use good judgment about physical contact and if you have any doubts, err on the side of caution. Be understanding if some people prefer to do air hugs, and elbow bumps.
- Stay home and participate by Zoom if you are not feeling well.
- Wear a mask if you have had a recent confirmed exposure of less than 5 days, even if you are still feeling fine, and tested negative on Friday.
- Contact a Co-President or email Shir Ami at shirami.info@gmail.com immediately if you test COVID+ within 3-5 days of the Shabbat services.

Where to meet us:

Tod's Point in Old Greenwich – near the 2nd (main) concession stand where the flag is on the beach: Read carefully so you will know exactly where to find us.

- Drive to the gatehouse, tell them that you are attending the Congregation Shir Ami event and that your name is on the list they have.
- Take the first **road** you can turn LEFT onto - (only a little over .1 mile from the gatehouse). At the corner where you turn left you will see a small sign on your left that says "**main concession**" and another sign on the right that says **15 miles per hour**. After turning, go to the Stop sign and continue straight. You'll see the concession stand straight ahead.
- Park and walk over to the concession stand. When you are standing on the path with the flagpole and beach to your left, and the concession stand and bathrooms to your right, follow the flat path in front of you about 50 yards and you'll see an opening in the fence to the beach where we'll be gathering for the service. This spot has both shade and sun so you can choose what you prefer. If you prefer to sit at picnic tables for your dinner, there are picnic tables on the right side of the path on the grass. (The Sturman's guests coming for the baby naming should look for Peggy/Jerry at a picnic table).

We are so looking forward to being together for this memorable milestone in Shir Ami's life.

Susan and Marie

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