

# "Erev at the Improv"

a soulful, thoughtful Shabbat evening service  
of  
Congregation Shir Shalom, Sonoma, Calif.

**Our worship tonight** is a walk back through 2,000 years of Jewish history -- to a time when services were improvised, jazz-like, according to a structured theme...

...a time when each prayer was an expression of the individual soul: a sentence beginning with, "Baruch atah Adonai / Blessed is the Eternal One, who..."

## ----- **Kabbalat Shabbat – Welcoming Shabbat** -----

**Hineh ma tov** uma naim shevet achim gam yachad.

How good it is, and how pleasant when we dwell together in unity.

### **Hadlikat nerot – candle lighting**

Baruch atah Adonai, eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher  
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel  
shabbat.

ברוך אתה יהוה, אלהינו יהוה, המלך  
הגדול, המפלא, המרומם, המבועבוע,  
המקדשנו במצוותיו וציוונו להדליק  
נרות בשבת.

Praised be our Eternal G-d, Ruler of the universe: You hallow us with Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the lights of Shabbat.

### **Shalom Aleichem – Peace Be Unto You**

**Shalom aleichem**, malachei hashareit, malachei Elyon

Mimelech malechei ham'lachim, hakadosh baruch Hu.

**Bo-achem l'shalom**, malachei hashalom malachei Elyon

Mimelech malechei ham'lachim, hakadosh baruch Hu.

**Bar'chuni l'shalom**, malachei hashalom malachei Elyon

Mimelech malechei ham'lachim, hakadosh baruch Hu.

**Tzeit'chem l'shalom**, malachei hashalom, malachei Elyon

Mimelech malechei ham'lachim, hakadosh baruch Hu.

Peace be to you, O ministering angels, messengers of the Most High

Supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One, the blessed One...

Enter in peace, O messengers of peace...

Bless me with peace, O messengers of peace...

Depart in peace, O messengers of peace...

*Please rise*

## ***Hatzi Kaddish – half, or reader’s, Kaddish***

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei rabah  
b'alma div'ra chirutei v'yamlich  
mal'chutei b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon  
uv'chayei d'chol beit yisrael ba'agalah  
uvizman kariv v'imru amein.  
Y'hei sh'meih rabah m'vorach l'alam  
u'lalmei almaya.  
Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpa'ar  
v'yit'romam v'yitna'asei v'yithadar  
v'yit'aleh v'yithalal sh'meih d'kud'sha  
b'rich hu l'eila min kol birchata v'shirata  
tushb'chata v'nechemata da'amiran  
b'alma v'imru amen.

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Let the glory of G-d be extolled. Let G-d's great name be hallowed in the world whose creation G-d willed.  
May G-d rule over us soon, in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all Israel, and we say: Amen.  
Let G-d's great name be blessed for ever and ever.

Let the name of the Holy One, blessed is G-d, be glorified, exalted, and honored, though G-d is beyond all of the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter, and we say: Amen.

## ***-----Ma'ariv – Evening Service-----***

### **Bar'chu – Call to Prayer**

Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai...

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach!

Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va'ed

Praise Adonai to whom our praise is due! Praised be Adonai to whom our praise is due, now and forever!

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### **Creation Blessing – for the Source of all things**

“Where are you?”

Why are you glad to be here?

You're G-d. What's Your best invention?

### **Revelation Blessing – for the gift of Torah**

What does the “gift of Torah” mean to you?

Forget guilt. What do you *want* from Judaism?

### **Sh'ma – Listen!**

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai eloheinu, Adonai  
echad!

Baruch shem k'vod mal'chuto l'olam  
va'ed!

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**Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our G-d, Adonai is One!**

Blessed is Adonai for ever and ever!

**V'ahavata – “And you shall love...”**

How do you live Torah every day?  
Do your rituals balance your ethics?  
What makes a Jew, a Jew?

**Redemption Blessing – for deliverance from bondage**

How does your Judaism strengthen you?  
What are your chains?  
How are you breaking them?

**Hashkivenu – “Spread over us...”**

G-d tucks you in. What's the blanket made of?  
What helps you sleep at night?  
What soothes your fears?

**T'filah, or Amidah – “Prayer”, or “Standing”**

*Please rise*

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**Adonai, s'fatai tiftach ufi yagid t'hilatecha**

Eternal G-d, open my lips that my mouth may declare your glory. (2x)

**Avot v'Imahot -- Recalling our ancestors**

Who brought you to this moment?  
Who has helped you become yourself?  
Who started your feet on the Jewish path?

**Gevurot -- G-d's power**

What natural event moves you?  
Where do you find the breath of the Eternal?  
How does it feel to be smaller than the Universe?

**Kedushat ha-Shem – G-d's Holiness**

What keeps your world together?  
You're G-d. What makes you so special?  
Where does G-d end, and the world begin?

**V'Shamru -- The covenant of Shabbat**

Why do you look forward to Shabbat?  
What does “complete rest” mean to you?

**Birkat Shalom – Blessing for Peace**

What does “peace” mean to you?  
“Shalom” also means “wholeness.” How is this a part of your life?

**Hoda'a -- Giving thanks**

What gifts have you received this week? This month? This year?  
How are you grateful to others?  
How are others grateful to you?

*(If you wish, continue with personal prayer, and sit when you are done)*

**Oseh Shalom – Bestow Peace**

Oseh shalom bim'romav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amein.  
May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens send to peace to us and all Israel as we say: Amen.

----- ***D'var Torah – Words of Torah*** -----

*“If you have learned much Torah, do not account yourself wise – for it was for this that you were created.” – Talmud, Pirkei Avot (Sayings of the Fathers)*

----- ***Closing Benedictions*** -----

***Misheberach – Prayer for Healing***

Mi shebeirach avoteinu, m'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu  
May the Source of strength Who blessed the ones before us  
Help us find the courage, to make our lives a blessing,  
And let us say: Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu, m'kor hab'racha lavoteinu  
Bless those in need of healing with r'fu-a sh'lei-ma  
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit  
And let us say: Amen.

***Blessings of the week's good news; for children; for all of us***

***Aleinu, “Upon Us” – our role as Jews***

Why be Jewish?  
How does your Judaism make you more fully human?  
What sort of Jew are you – or what sort do you want to be?

## Kaddish Yatom – Mourner’s Kaddish

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b’alma v’imru amen.

Y’hei sh’lama rabah min sh’maya  
v’chayim aleinu v’al kol yisrael vi’mru  
amein.

Oseh shalom bim’romav hu ya’aseh  
shalom aleinu v’al kol yisrael v’imru  
amein

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For us and all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and we say: Amen.

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## **Announcements**

### **Closing Song: Hallelu, “Praise To” (from Psalm 150)**

Hallelu hallelu hallelu, Hallelu hallelu hallelu (2x)

Kol haneshema, t’hallelya, hallelu, halleluyah (2x)

...all that has the breath/the soul, praise G-d!

# Shabbat Shalom!

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