



Or Ami's Camp Newman-Swig Wine Tasting Shabbat



Northern California Experience
with Rabbi Kipnes and Michelle November
Friday-Sunday, June 26-28, 2009

Dear Or Ami Congregants:

My wife Michelle and I invite you to Or Ami's Camp Newman-Swig Wine Tasting Shabbat on Friday-Sunday, June 26-28, 2009. This relaxing and spiritually uplifting weekend brings you to our favorite places – our Reform Movement's Camp Newman-Swig in Santa Rosa and Northern California's Wine Country.

With Rabbi Kipnes, you will share:

- Shabbat at our gorgeous summer camp, including Shabbat services under the blue sky, reception with our Camp Directors, Shabbat Singing and Dancing
- Shabbat with your rabbi in one of his favorite places
- Private tour of camp
- Wine tasting at our favorite wineries
- Delicious Dinner Out at a local destination restaurant (no host)
- Spiritual experience of Havdala and session songs with our campers
- On your own: Opportunities for golf, spa and additional wine tasting
- **For planned Shabbat details (subject to change), see attached schedule.**

We need a minimum of 12 participants to hold this special event. Please register by Friday, June 12th. If we do not have the minimum number, we will need to postpone the event.

Costs:

- Wine Tasting Tour: You pre-register and pre-pay \$70.00 per person (check to "Congregation Or Ami") for wine tasting tour (includes transportation). Depending upon the number of participants, this cost might decrease or increase.
- On your own, you pay for your own hotel, meals (except Friday night Shabbat Dinner) and any transportation to/from area and camp.
- Any additional activities: golf, spa, unscheduled wine tasting (pay vendors directly).

Or Ami is NOT serving as a travel agent. (Rabbi Kipnes is on sabbatical, so he will meet you at the Camp on Friday night.) Therefore, to participate, you choose and book your own hotels from the list provided. You arrange your own transportation to and from area, and to and from camp. You book your own additional experiences (golf, spa, unscheduled wine tasting).

How Do I Register?

1. Registration Deadline: Friday, June 12th
2. Go to <http://newmanswig.urjcamps.org/alumni/reunions/boardguests/> and register as a guest of Rabbi Paul Kipnes.
3. Email Susie Stark (susie@orami.org) by Friday, June 12th with name(s) of those attending.
4. Send Wine Tasting Tour reservation check of \$70.00 per person (payable to “Congregation Or Ami” to Susie Stark at the Temple, with name(s) of adults participating (no children please).
5. Arrive at Camp Newman-Swig by Friday, June 28 by 4:00 pm.

Who May Participate? Any Or Ami adult (and their immediate family). You do NOT need to have children who attend Camp Newman-Swig to attend.

Will I be Able to See My Children Who Are Campers That Session? If your child is in camp, you may:

- Enjoy Services on Friday night with them
- Enjoy Friday Shabbat dinner in Dining Room (if space is available for sitting together)
- Enjoy Shabbat singing and Dancing with them
- Enjoy their Saturday night Session songs

You may NOT tour camp with them or visit their cabins (for safety and security reasons), though Rabbi Kipnes will be providing a private tour for all Or Ami participants. *Incidentally, as this is their second Shabbat at camp (and for some, their final Shabbat of the shorter session), your children may want to split their time between you and their friends. More than likely, they will want to sit with their friends.*

Can I Talk To Rabbi Kipnes For More Information?

Unfortunately, Rabbi Kipnes is going on Sabbatical. As such, he is not really available. Ask Susie Stark (susie@orami.org) your questions and she will try to get answers. In general, while we promise a wonderful experience in Northern California, we are not and cannot act as travel agents. If you get yourself up to Camp Newman-Swig at the appropriate times, Rabbi Kipnes will join you for a fabulous Shabbat experience.

Questions about Camp Newman-Swig or the area?

You may contact Dena Kaufman, the Camp’s Director of Development at dkaufman@urj.org or 602-740-6632 until June 1st. After that, reach Dena at the camp office at 707-571-7657.

More Information

Meals:

- Friday Shabbat Dinner at camp (Family style, delicious Shabbat “camp food” dinner)
- Saturday breakfast on your own
- Saturday lunch in area, as a group (pay individually)
- Saturday dinner out as a group (pay individually)
- Sunday breakfast on your own

Transportation: We suggest you arrange to be in Santa Rosa area by noon on Friday so you miss the traffic.

- Fly directly Burbank to Santa Rosa airport (Horizon Air), rent a car to drive to hotel and camp (15 minutes from camp).
 - Horizon airlines has flights directly into Santa Rosa at the Sonoma County Airport. From Sonoma County Airport, take 101 South only one exit (River Road). Left onto Mark West Springs Road for 7.5 miles. This turns into Porter Creek Road and the camp entrance is on the right.
- Fly directly Burbank to Oakland airport (Southwest Air), rent a car to drive to hotel and camp (1½ -3 hours, depending upon traffic). See directions below.
- Drive directly up to hotel/camp
 - Directions to Camp: <http://newmanswig.urjcamps.org/directions/>

Hotel: Choose one of the following and make a reservation. We do not have specific recommendations nor will Or Ami/Rabbi Kipnes arrange for people to stay together. We do encourage you to email each other if you want to room together. Suggested accommodations can be found at: <http://newmanswig.urjcamps.org/directions/accomodations/>

Luxury Hotels:

- Hotel Healdsburg, Healdsburg, CA (20 minutes from Camp)
- Vineyard Creek Inn, Santa Rosa

Mid Price Hotels:

- Hilton, Santa Rosa
- Fountaingrove Hotel, Santa Rosa
- Flamingo Resort, Santa Rosa

Budget Area Hotels:

- Best Western, Santa Rosa
- Hotel La Rose, Santa Rosa

Golf/Spa/More Winetasting: Check out this list of local favorites:

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Tentative Schedule

Friday June 26, 2009

- ??? Arrive early for golfing, spa treatments
- 4:45 Arrive at Camp
- 5:00 Director's Reception (your kids will meet you there)
- 5:15 Welcome by Directors
- 5:45 Kabbalat Shabbat Staff and Guest Circle
- 6:00 Shabbat Services
- 7:00 Shabbat Dinner, Singing, and Dancing (you don't want to miss this!)
- 9:30 Laila Tov (leave camp)

Saturday, June 27, 2009

- ??? Breakfast on your own
- 9:30 Arrive at Camp
- 10:00 Shabbat Services with Rabbi Kipnes' *eidah* (unit)
- 11:30 Tour of Camp
- 12:30 Parents Leave Camp for Wine Tour with Rabbi Kipnes and Michelle
- Lunch We will stop at a restaurant on the tour – no host
- 5:30 Return to Camp
- Relax
- 6:30 Dinner at local restaurant – no host
- 7:30 Evening Program – Session Songs
- 9:30 Havdallah as a group and a chance to say "Good-bye"

Sunday, June 28, 2009

- ??? Breakfast on your own
- 10:00-11:00 am Parent Pick Up for those picking up campers
- Rest of Day Enjoy the beauty of Northern California