

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #2.
A lot is happening!

On Sunday August 17th at 11AM will be the first meeting (brainstorming session) of the Social Action Committee. Please contact John Wallach jwallach@hunter.cuny.edu if you would like to attend. As at all good meetings, food and drink will be served.

On Thursday August 21st at 6:00PM there will be the first in our film series: "Pizza and a Movie" at the Rothmans. We have 2 excellent films... "The Jewish Americans" and "Unearthing the Bible." Eat, schmooze, discuss. The pizza is free, but you must call 223-5925 or email mjrothman@earthlink.net so we know how much to buy. Come and get to know your fellow congregants. AND feel free to bring a Jewish FRIEND.

On August 27th at 7PM at our administrative office at the Kandr Building is our next Board Meeting. It is open to all members.

On August 28th, the Feuers and the Kaswers will be preparing and serving dinner (sandwiches) for about 60 people at the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless at Hillcrest House. Thanks to all. It's a small step but we have to do what we can to repair this world.

Sometime in August we will be moving our supplies from the Meeting House to the Church. We will need some hands. I'll let you know when.

PROCESSION with our Torah
We will move our Torah on September 5th , starting at 6:30PM at the Friends Meeting House (our home for the last 8 years), and

ending 6 miles to the east at 7:30PM, at our new temporary home, the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church (corner of Route 55 and Stringham Road in LaGrange).

Our Torah is taking a journey and so are we.

The details of how we will do this will be publicized soon.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CARRY THE TORAH PART OF THE WAY, please send Jerry Scheck an email

jerryscheck@optonline.net

On September 5th at 7:30PM we will have our first service at the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church.

It will be exciting. Bring your friends.

On September 6th at 9:00AM school starts. You will be getting your school registration packets in the mail this week. Please be sure to get them in as soon as possible. Our teachers have been working hard planning for this year.

EDUCATION of our children is so important. We need the next generation of Jews to know who they are.

ALSO on September 6th is our First Picnic at Stringham Park, starting at noon.

You will get your 2008-2009 Pledge letter this week. Please return the forms right away in the enclosed envelope. If you send it in, we won't have to call you. We have an auto-pay option for pledges, which about 20% of the congregation uses. Please consider it. It saves both you and us time. Also for the first time we can take credit cards. Details are in the letter.

We are beginning a monthly Shabbat Dinner program. More later, but the first dinner will be on Sept 12th.

Our 3rd annual Cocktail Party to welcome Prospective Members will be mid-September. Details to come.

AND BELOW FOR YOUR REFERENCE... a list of who to contact for anything in the congregation. AND if you would like to join a committee, contact the committee chair. This year we would like to get lots of people involved. We will add YOUR ideas and energy and spirituality to OUR community.

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