

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #3.

Introducing larger print!

The 1st meeting of the Social Action Committee went well... results to be reported.

Tomorrow, Thursday, at 6PM, we will have the first of our "Pizza & a Movie" nights. This one will be at the Rothmans. The pizza is free, BUT you have to let us know if you are coming so that we get the right amount. Call 223-5925 or send an e-mail to mjrothman@earthlink.net. We have 2 excellent films... "The Jewish Americans" and "Unearthing the Bible." (check them out on Amazon) Eat, schmooze, discuss. Come and get to know your fellow congregants. AND feel free to bring a Jewish FRIEND.

A word about membership... everyone who is a member of Shir Chadash is a *link in the chain, which stretches back to Sinai.* We need Jewish

institutions for worship, for inspiration, to celebrate our lives, to educate us and our children, to help us repair the world, and to form the center of our community. People live longer if they have a social network.

So thank you to our members for creating and sustaining Shir Chadash.

The BEST way for us to bring new members into our community, is to have existing members bring their friends. A couple of years ago we had 17 new families. 13 were friends of members.

SO... please let the word out that there is excitement at Shir Chadash!

We are in a new place, with a redoubled energy, and a commitment to build our community.

A lot of people are involved. Just check the list at the end of this e-mail.

BRING a FRIEND to:

1. Pizza & a Movie at the Rothmans (Thursday Aug. 21st at 6PM) - call to let us know though.

2. A free class, "How to Raise a Jewish Child" on Thursdays throughout September, starting Sept. 4th at 7PM at the Daily Planet. Registration required mjrothman@earthlink.net

3. Our first service at the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church (Friday Sept. 5th at 7:30) where we will be marching in with the Torah (after walking from the Meeting House). CONTACT JERRY SCHECK if you want to carry the Torah part of the way - jerryscheck@optonline.net

4. Our first Sharing Shabbat with Torah Study of the year with our brilliant Rabbi Polish (Saturday Sept. 6th at 9AM)

5. The opening of our school on that same day (Sept 6th). Our teachers have been working hard preparing for their charges. The first day is an open house. All are welcome!

6. Our Shabbat Dinner (Friday Sept.

12th at 6PM at the FPCC). We are making this a monthly dinner.

7. Our 3rd Annual Membership Cocktail Party (Saturday Sept 13th at 5PM)

8. Our S'lichot service (Sept 20th)

9. Our Rosh Hashanah service (Monday Sept 29th at 8PM)

and so on...

Here's a thought... if each family brings just one friend, we could double our membership. And with each new member we add new energy, new ideas, and another caring person.

HOW TO RAISE A JEWISH CHILD

Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang will lead a group for parents of young children on how to introduce Jewish practices and values into the lives of their children. The group will discuss such issues as holiday celebrations, how to talk about G-d, the December dilemma, and values that add meaning to our lives. The class is free and open to all. We welcome all kinds of families: traditional / non-traditional, single-parent, families with two Jewish parents or just one, anyone interested in raising a Jewish child. You **must register** by

either sending an e-mail to info@shir-chadash.org, or calling 223-5925. The classes will be at 7PM on each Thursday night in September. The location is tentatively set as the Daily Planet Diner, which is right next to Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church on the corner of Route 55 and Stringham Road in LaGrange.

Thank you to all of our committee chair persons and coordinators.

Thank you especially to Lisa Kerchman, who has accepted the chair of the Publicity Committee. This committee's work is critical to our success.

WE are still working out the details of MOVING DAY.

We will contact people personally to help us move from the Meeting House to the FPPC.

OUR pledge letters were delayed, but will go out THIS week. Please send your checks in to our treasurer, Victor Feit, 83 King George Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 asap. For the first time return envelopes will be provided. Use them!

ONE more thing... this year, for the first time, we will be printing a Book of Remembrance for the High Holy Days.

We will provide details on how to memorialize your loved one as we approach the High Holy Days.

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.

NOTE... we have an open position for chairperson of the Concert Committee. Our Spring Concert is a major musical event for Dutchess County and it is also our major fundraiser of the year. It is held in May. Many people will be working to make this happen, but we need to start now in selecting a program. If you have an interest in either chairing or working on the committee, send an e-mail to mjrothman@earthlink.net

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