

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,  
Welcome to letter #33

Happy Passover!

News flash . . . President Obama broke new ground Thursday by personally hosting a White House Seder. They had about 20 people. We live in a new era.

Pretty cool, hunh?

Click here to see the finale of "Jewsie Boys" from the dress rehearsal...

[http://www.shir-chadash.org/Purim\\_video.asp](http://www.shir-chadash.org/Purim_video.asp) (movie).

A serious note...

On Wednesday I heard Dr. Jerry Linenger speak. He was the US astronaut who spent 5 months aboard the failing Russian space station, Mir. In halting sentences he described a fire on the space station, blow-torch like flames roaring from an oxygen generator, melting metal, intense black smoke, a defective respirator that collapsed as he tried to breathe, the 2nd respirator that saved his life. He also described his last

thoughts as he was about to die.

He felt a pain, a deep regret, that he hadn't left anything behind. He hadn't written a note to his wife or his son, telling them how much he loved them.

It was a moment of clarity.

How often do we just stop and think?

Sometimes Shabbat gives us that opportunity.

See you tonight?

#### EVENTS and so on:

1. Today, Friday, April 10th at 7:30pm - Shabbat Services.
2. Wednesday April 15th at 6:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class continues...
3. Sunday April 26th, Our First Annual Shir Chadash Flea Market.
4. We have to start moving our junk (treasures! treasures!)
5. If every family can find \$100 worth of good stuff gathering dust in the closet, and bring it to Victor, this event will be a huge success.
6. Even if you are not a member (could it be true?, no can't be) you can still find stuff.
7. We need lots of stuff.

8. BRING IT ON!
9. CALL Victor (463-2654) or Liz (486-9969) or email them (rebef2@cs.com, lizglass1@optonline.net) to arrange to transport your treasures before the sale.
10. The flea market will be held in the parking lot of the Kandr Building on IBM Road. In addition to accepting donations, we are also selling space (\$30/table) for you to sell your own items. Contact Victor or Liz if you want a table.
1. Saturday June 13th, OUR SPRING CONCERT,
2. We WILL have internationally-known folk singer and human rights activist Peter Yarrow, of "Peter, Paul and Mary".
3. This has been challenging to arrange.
4. In fact, we have never done anything like this.
5. There are 230 seats in the church and we expect all will be sold.
6. General admission will be only \$25.
7. Preferred seating and post-concert reception with Peter, \$100.
8. It is not too early to reserve a seat.
9. More details soon.

**AND MORE:**

- REACHING OUT. You must have a friend who would like to be informed and entertained by a cleverly written weekly e-mail? If so, please send me their email address. Thanks.
- URJ - we will be sending information and a form for

electronic voting to all members in a few days about Shir Chadash joining the URJ

## AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE...

➤ April 11th and April 18th at 7pm at the Friends Meeting House... a free screening of *Renewal*.

*Renewal* is about the environment and efforts to save it from degradation through specific action projects engaged in by local congregations of several different faiths: Jewish, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, etc. Jews are teaching children the links between nature and spirituality. Evangelical Christians are waking up to the destruction of mountains and forests by coal mining gone wild. Muslims are supporting sustainable farming. *Renewal* discovers the environmental bonds that join people of many faiths in the effort to protect life on our planet. Winner of the Hazel Wolf Environmental Film Festival. The film takes about an hour and a half, with an opportunity for discussion afterwards.

➤ April 19-21 at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC

**CONFIRMED SPEAKERS SO FAR: DAVID AXELROD, SENATORS DEBBIE STABENOW AND BARBARA BOXER, and REPRESENTATIVE NITA LOWEY**

<http://rac.org/confprog/consult> This is an inspiring conference held every 2-years at the start of a new Congress.

➤ Mitzvah Day 09 - May 3, 2009 promises to be a day of friendship, caring and hard work. To volunteer on Mitzvah Day, participants can now sign up online at [www.jewishdutchess.org](http://www.jewishdutchess.org). For questions, please e-mail Jewish Family Services of Dutchess County at [jfs@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:jfs@jewishdutchess.org), or call at 845-471-9817.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Michael

