

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #10.

Four *HOT* Items...

1. Today, October 17th, Sukkot Services will be at 5:30pm (instead of 7:30). And they will be on our land (instead of at the church).

Here is what you see when you stand in the sukkah and look up at the sky.

<http://www.shir-chadash.org/>

Click under the photo to see more photos!

We will have tomorrow's service inside our sukkah on our land while there is still light out. If your kids have decorations to hang, they can bring them tonight. The service will be short and we'll have a little nosh (you're supposed to eat in the sukkah).

You'll also get a chance to shake your lulav and etrog and to just be with nature and Judaism. The service will be BEFORE

dinner. There will NOT be a service at 7:30.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING & MORE...

Our land is on Freedom Road, just north of Route 55.

If you start at the church, head west toward Poughkeepsie about π mile. Turn right on Freedom Road (there's a Mobil Station on the corner of Route 55 & Freedom Road).

After you turn onto Freedom Road, proceed about 100 yards, you'll pass Dr. Fink Road on your right. You may park in the little parking lot just past Dr. Fink Road. Our land starts just north of the parking lot. It ends when you get to a house and driveway. The sukkah is at the northern end of the property. So if you park in the little lot, you'll have to walk a ways.

OR YOU may continue further up Freedom Road, past the Shir Chadash sign, and park

on the side of the road.

Just before the northern end of our land is a broad gently sloping path which leads down to our sukkah.

You'll get a wonderful sense of calm as you look up through the roof into the trees.

2. Tomorrow, October 18th at 9am will be our 4th Sharing Shabbat

If you have older (than tots) children and have not registered for school, please do. Grades beyond tots are limited to members, but you are welcome to come to a class and try it on for size without obligation. But *if you are thinking of starting your child's Jewish education...* it's really time to start!!!

Here's the school registration form

<http://www.shir-chadash.org/pdf/School%20Packet%202008-2009.pdf>.

If you enjoy a nosh and some thoughtful discussion and humor led by our world-renowned (no kidding!) Rabbi Polish, come to Torah Study at 9:00am. You

have my guarantee that you will learn at least one thing amazing. And Judaism is all about learning.

We'll make a space at the table for YOU.

3. ON Sunday, Oct 19th , at 11am. The CROP walk to raise money for food pantries.

Here's more information

<http://www.dutchessinterfaithcouncil.org/>

You can either walk the 6K or sponsor a walker. Please contact John Wallach if you would like to do either

jwallach@hunter.cuny.edu

4. ON Friday, Oct 24th, at 6pm. OUR 2nd Congregational Shabbat Dinner

This time we will have a catered dinner (by Boston Market) so *you MUST let us know* if you are coming. Please e-mail Roberta

Tracy at tracyajrs@aol.com.

Dinner is *only \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children*. We will also provide vegetarian fare. We'll have white table cloths and wine and candles and have a

chance to meet each other. Followed by **SIMCHAS TORAH** services at 7:30pm. Come hold part of the Torah as we unroll the whole scroll and find the Rabbi's favorite parts. It's really quite a trick to be able to find anything, isn't it? After all there are no numbers, no chapter heads. Maybe he'll tell us how he does it.

News.

Please welcome TWO more NEW MEMBERS, Rochelle & Dave Bellach, our third official new members of the year, and Judi Arner Brown, our fourth.

Rochelle & Dave are longtime friends of the Bill's and are eager to participate in congregational life.

Judi is Hope Arner's daughter. For those of you who do not know, Hope was a sweet and gentle lady who passed away this past year. Judi joins Shir Chadash, "with a song in my heart."

A number of other families told me that they will

be joining. Next week maybe we'll see ten more? Twenty? Make it happen! Here's the full membership packet

<http://www.shir-chadash.org/pdf/Complete%20Membership%20Packet%202008-2009.pdf>

We delivered three brimming carloads (station wagons) of food to Dutchess Outreach. A quote from Kathleen Murphy of Dutchess Outreach, "Wow, this is huge!"

She estimated that our donations will fill the shelves for about 3 weeks.

Let's keep helping.

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS (as we move toward winter)

Dutchess Outreach Coat Drive will collect warm winter coats to give away to those in need. Coats can be dropped off at any Guardian Self Storage location or any Rhinebeck Savings Bank branch until Oct. 31. Collected coats will be distributed at multiple sites in early November. For information on Dutchess Outreach and its programs, visit www.dutchessoutreach.org

<<http://www.dutchessoutreach.org/>> or call 845-

454-3792.

Check our website frequently. www.shir-chadash.org
<<http://www.shir-chadash.org/>> .

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