

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,  
Welcome to letter #11.

## **1. Everything's Happening Tomorrow (Friday)...**

a. **HELP** us wish Rabbi Polish a safe trip and productive meeting as he travels to Rome to meet with Pope Benedict XVI. He will be going as part of a delegation of American Jews to discuss relations between the Jews and the Catholic Church.

It is an honor to have as our rabbi a man of such international prominence.

b. **RESERVE** your spot at dinner (at 6:00pm). You needn't bring anything. Dinner will be catered (Boston Market). ***YOU MUST LET US KNOW ... TODAY... IF YOU ARE COMING so we can order the food.***

Dinner is only \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. We will also provide

vegetarian fare.

Come have some dinner! Meet your fellow congregants. If you feel like you don't know people, you won't feel that way by the end of the evening.

Please e-mail Roberta Tracy at [tracyajrs@aol.com](mailto:tracyajrs@aol.com).

c. **HOLD THE TORAH** (at 7:30pm) as we unroll it as part of Simhat Torah. We need a lot of helping hands. And sing and dance as we celebrate. The evening will be fun for families as well as adults. All are welcome.

**2. Except for what's happening on SUNDAY - a timely talk "The November Elections & What's Good for the Jews" - a Discussion of Politics and Jewish Identity... at 11am at Chicago Hall at Vassar College. Refreshments provided. Join our professor of political science, John Wallach, as he leads a discussion of the nature, value and pitfalls of viewing**

politics through the lens of "what's good for the Jews." Topics include the variable character of Jewish identity; the politics of Judaism and Jewishness in a pluralistic, multi-cultural society; the issues at stake in the November election and their relationship to what we might identify as Jewish needs.

Check out the Vassar College map for Chicago Hall (to the left of the main entrance)

<http://security.vassar.edu/map.pdf>

If you are coming, send a note to [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) so that we can prepare accordingly.

## **News.**

I want to gauge interest in TWO CLASSES that we might offer.

The first is a MENORAH WORKSHOP. This is a 5 hour workshop (split between 2 evenings) where you would design and learn basic **ceramic** hand

building techniques to create your own menorah, build it and glaze it. This course would be at the Barrett Clay Works, 485 Main St, Poughkeepsie and would cost about \$85/person (exact cost to be determined).

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN the MENORAH WORKSHOP, please reply to this e-mail... include your name and phone number.**

The second is an ADULT Hebrew reading class.

Details are to be worked out, but we do have a volunteer who is willing to teach the class.

Every November , tens of thousands of Jewish adults gather in hundreds of locations across North America to learn to read Hebrew.

The course materials are provided FREE of charge by READ HEBREW AMERICA.

[http://www.njop.org/html/hebrew\\_across\\_usa\\_can.html#loc](http://www.njop.org/html/hebrew_across_usa_can.html#loc)

After taking the course, you will be able to follow synagogue services, be more involved in your children's Jewish education, or simply to enhance your own ties to Judaism.

The course includes five FREE hour and a half lessons.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN the ADULT HEBREW READING COURSE, please reply to this e-mail... include your name and phone number.**

## **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)

<<http://www.dutchessoutreach.org/>> or call 845-454-3792.

**FINALLY... there are many of you out there thinking of joining Shir Chadash.**

We have an electricity this year. We are a group of neighbors helping our neighbors, friends finding friends, learning about our heritage, teaching our children, sustaining each other.

Come join us.

Now is the best time.

Here's the full membership packet

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

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

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