

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #12.

What's really important in life?

You ask most people and you'll hear... health,
family, friends. But somehow we easily lose sight
of this.

Shabbat is a time to remember what's important.

Do something different this Shabbat. Come and
be with friends tonight or tomorrow morning. Your
blood pressure will drop and you'll get a chance to
catch your breath.

And what's going on at Shir Chadash?

**1. Dinner, dinner, dinner, dinner --- why
do we care so much about dinner?**

I was just looking at our November
calendar and what do I see?

- An elegant Fall Dinner at Mojo Grill, on
the 16th

- Our monthly Shabbat Dinner AND
SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM on the LIFE

OF SARAH, on the 21st

- Our 2nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Potluck Dinner with the Presbyterians, on the 23rd, and

- We are making and serving Dinner at the Lunchbox to those in need on the 24th

2. Tonight (Friday) at 7:30, regular Shabbat evening services, led by Cantor Hirschenfang

Services led by our Cantor are quite different and special.

3. Tomorrow (Saturday) at 9am, Sharing Shabbat with our Tot Shabbat Program, and Torah Study with Rabbi Polish (freshly returned from Rome)

What tales will he tell as most likely he'll weave a lesson from his trip to the Vatican into this week's Torah portion (NB there's a slight chance he won't make it back in time - if that is going to happen, I'll send out another note).

BRING your kids to school. Jews must

study. And the kids enjoy school.

News.

You should receive your November newsletter in the mail tomorrow or Monday. It is stuffed with information about this month's exciting programs as well as other news.

We owe a real debt to Sandy & Jeff Lash and Wendy Bill for putting it all together. Note... for those of you (and me) who provide information to the newsletter we need to have everything in at least 3 days before the end of the month.

For those of us in the "middle" there will be an innovative new class this month, jointly sponsored by Jewish Family Services and the Shir Chadash Adult Education Committee entitled, "The Sandwich Generation", on Nov 12th & 19th . Topics will include an examination of the cultural and religious factors that shape the way

adult Jews and their aging parents relate to one another. More information as we get closer to the start. Call Lisa Roth (489-2570) for more information or to register. The class is free and open to all.

It looks like the adult Hebrew class will happen this month. See your newsletter. When the class times are set, we will announce them.

The menorah-making workshop needs some additional participants to happen (we have 3, and need at least 4). See your newsletter for details.

SAVE THE DATE - December 7th... for our 2nd Annual Amazing Goods & Services Auction. Last year we had fun with nattily dressed auctioneers Jeff & Victor, and people got wonderful bargains. As to auction items, think of donating that

expensive gift from Aunt Martha that's been in the closet for 5 years, or that jewelry that you no longer wear. It might be someone else's treasure. If you have a special skill you can offer (interior design, computer consulting, specialty cooking were a few of the popular services from last year) please contact Victor Feit (Rebef2@cs.com, (845) 463-2654). Last year we also had imaginative gift baskets in the silent auction. We would love to have each family design a special basket.

Penultimate ITEM...if you took a little white envelope during Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, which had a stamp to it, please dig it out of the mess on the kitchen counter and send it in.

Your contributions sustain the intensity that is Shir Chadash. Each day I check my mailbox for little white envelopes. There are at least 40 out there waiting to come home. If you're wondering why you should mail it (with a check), you can hear my Rosh Hashanah message on our

website!

FINALLY... there are many of you out there thinking of joining Shir Chadash. Almost 70 people have checked out our new membership packet online this month alone. 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%20Packet%202008-2009.pdf>

Check our website frequently. www.shir-chadash.org
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