

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #31

Each day we live one day. Make today a good day.
Our lives are lived not in the high places, but in the journey.

EVENTS and so on:

1. Today, Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm - Shabbat Services.
2. TGIF. Why not come and literally thank G-d it's Friday?
3. What does TGIF really mean anyway? It's a time for rest.
4. And you will find that a Friday night at services is restful.
5. Sunday March 29th at 2pm... "What would it mean to join the URJ?"
6. Rabbi Rex Perlmeter and Michael Steinlieb from the Union of Reform Judaism will come to Shir Chadash to answer this question. What are the pros and cons of joining this association of 893 American synagogues? We now have an estimate of the cost involved. Please come and be informed. There will be a Shir Chadash vote sometime after the meeting (not on Sunday). <http://urj.org/> To make an informed vote, you need to learn about the URJ. Light refreshments will be served.

7. Wednesday April 1st at 6:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class **continues...**
8. Saturday April 4th, "A Passover Happening" (games, crafts, teaching, fun for kids and adults)... **AND...** join us for a "Shabbat Last Chance Chumetz Pasta & Pizza Lunch"... across the street from the church at the Villa... \$10/adult, \$8/child... pasta, pizza, salad, drinks, tax & tip.
9. Sunday April 26th, Our First Annual Shir Chadash Flea Market.
0. Clear out your attic and basement and do a double mitzvah. You'll have more room and you'll fund our ability to help others. You can 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.
11. This will be a large event. It 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. Help us make this event a success. Contact Victor or Liz if you want a table.
2. Saturday June 13th, OUR SPRING CONCERT, 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.

➤ FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS! --- If you know a child between the ages of 6 months and 7 years who would enjoy receiving quality Judaic children's literature and music in the mail each month, free of charge, please contact Melinda Margulies at 845-471-0430 or jebmar400@aol.com.

AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE...

➤ April 19-21 at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC What do President Clinton, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Senator Russ Feingold, Vice President Al Gore, and Elie Wiesel have in common? They have all been speakers at the Consultation on Conscience, Reform Judaism's flagship social justice conference. Join us, Reform Jewish leaders, and public policy decision makers to bring social justice insight to your community!

<http://rac.org/confprog/consult> This is an inspiring conference held every 2-years at the start of a new Congress. <http://rac.org/confprog/consult/2007/pelosi/> (Here's Nancy Pelosi from 2007). I am planning on going. Let me know if you would like to travel together.

➤ 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. For questions, please e-mail Jewish Family Services of Dutchess County at jfs@jewishdutchess.org, or call at

845-471-9817.

And... I will get the Purim Spiel video on the website this week!!
Shabbat Shalom,
Michael