

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #40

ONLY 2-weeks left in which to sell ads.

This is an opportunity for a business to show its support of the community.

And the concert will directly benefit the schools.

Part of Peter Yarrow's fee will go to run two teacher workshops to train 100 Spackenkill teachers (and some others) in an anti-bullying curriculum, as part of Peter's charity, Operation Respect.

Check out their website <http://www.operationrespect.org/>

If you read to the end you'll see some news...

EVENTS and so on:

1. Today, Friday, May 22nd at 7:30pm - Shabbat Services - the Junior Choir (or parts of it) will accompany Cantor Hirschenfang in a musical celebration of Jerusalem.

2. Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30pm - Adult Hebrew Class continues...

3. Thursday, May 28th at Temple Beth El - Study for the Eve of Shavuot

At 8:30 a dairy meal will be served, followed by the always fascinating study session.

Rabbis Golomb, Loevinger, and Polish will each make short presentations and then

participate in an open discussion of "Jewish thoughts on economic ethics." I guarantee that if you come, you will learn and enjoy!

4. Friday, May 29th at 7:30 - Shabbat Services (pre-Memorial Day Weekend)

5. Sunday, May 31st Before the Summer "slacker" season: come to the Rothman's home for a brunch and showing of the DVD A Sacred Duty: Using Jewish Values to Heal the World. It is well worth watching and gives us much to think about and discuss. (pls reply to this e-mail so we know how many folks to expect) Time is 11 AM - 1 PM.

6. Sunday, June 7th, Our Annual Meeting... members have received an e-mail packet.

The meeting will be in the Chapel at Bowdoin Park... a GREAT location. We'll brunch and talk and the kids will have someplace to run around outside. More soon.

7. Saturday, June 13th, OUR SPRING CONCERT,

We WILL have internationally-known folk singer and human rights activist Peter Yarrow, of "Peter, Paul and Mary".

General admission will be only \$25.

Preferred seating and post-concert reception with Peter, \$100.

It is not too early to reserve a seat.

AND there is a form for selling ads. If every member (AND NON-MEMBER) bought just ONE ad it would make a big difference.

Blahhdy blahdy blah!

Did you really read this far???

DO sell an ad. It's not hard, really...

THREE NEW FAMILIES HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY ARE JOINING.

Will they get their forms in in time to become the TENTH new family of 2008-2009, or WILL they be the 1st, 2nd and 3rd families of 2009-2010???

YES, there is excitement!

BIG EXCITEMENT

ONLY I KNOW WHO THESE THREE FAMILIES ARE.

THEY ARE GREAT FAMILIES.

REALLY COOL FAMILIES.

I bet you want to be the fourth... don't you?

HEY, surprise me and get your forms in and beat them all!

If you've been thinking about joining Shir Chadash, about raising your hand to be counted as a supporter of this community, please do so now. Our year ends at the end of June, which means that a new fresh, unspoiled year begins on July 1st.

We have not posted the 2009-2010 pledge form on the site, but IT WILL BE DIFFERENT.

Basic membership will go up \$100 (just \$8.33 per month)

Family on a limited income will go up \$75 and

Single person on a limited income will go up \$50.

PLEASE use these new numbers when you sign-up.

Keep in mind that basic annual dues have only gone up \$200 in 10 years.

Shir Chadash has actually been getting less expensive due to inflation.

ALSO, we refuse to let financial considerations prevent anyone from membership.

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

Shabbat Shalom,
Michael