

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,  
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ONLY 1-week 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 Spackenkil 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/>

CANCELATIONS... the film showing scheduled for this Sunday at the Rothman's will be postponed.

ALSO this month's Shabbat Dinner scheduled for tonight will be postponed until June 19th.

EVENTS and so on:

1. Today, Friday, May 29th at 7:30 - Shabbat / Shavuot Services  
As always, a respite and a rest.

1.5 Wednesday June 3rd at 6:30 - Adult Hebrew continues

I think the class should lead a service... soon. Are you ready?

2. Next Friday June 5th at 7:30 - Shabbat Service

We will be honoring our AMAZING TEACHERS! Please come to show how much you appreciate the love and dedication they show in teaching our children. And in teaching us... especially our adult Hebrew class.

3. 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.

Get to know your fellow congregants. We are a fascinating bunch.

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/DPW-Parks/PPbowdoin.htm>

We'll brunch and talk and the kids will have someplace to run around outside.

WE WILL BE VOTING ON FOUR items: a) the budget, b) joining the URJ (2 votes required), c) electing a new trustee, and d) tenure for Rabbi Polish. There is more information available on all of these items and I will be sending a packet out soon.

ALSO, in order to pass the amendment of our by-laws required to join the URJ, we need 2/3rds of members to vote "yes". A member of the Board will be reminding you to either come to the meeting or to send in your proxy.

4. 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.

We have sold more than half the space. And the major publicity has not yet started.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT SOON, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.

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

How about it? Call your dentist. Call your lawyer. Lean on your coffee shop.

Bother your bagel store. Hassle your haberdasher. Argue with your auto-repair shop.

Hey... if you don't sell an ad, I'll just have to call you to ask for money anyway.

AND, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW ANYONE TO WHOM YOU CAN SELL AN AD... FOR \$25 YOU CAN PUT A "CONGRATULATIONS!" INTO THE PROGRAM. REPLY TO THIS EMAIL OR SEND A CHECK FOR \$25 TO VICTOR FEIT, 83 KING GEORGE DR., POK NY 12603.

5. Friday June 12th, at 7:30 - Shabbat Service

6. Friday June 19th at 6:00 - FINAL Pot Luck Dinner of the year - bring a main, a side or a salad.

7. Friday June 19th at 7:30 - FINAL Clergy-led service of the year - ALSO we will be installing our new officers and board

8. Friday June 26th - OUR LAST SERVICE of the year - it will be lay-led - the time is TBD.

9. Check your newsletter for a listing of summer activities. YES, we are allowed to pray over the summer

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 and Chag Somayach,  
Michael