

**Conversation:** Shir Chadash - Weekly e-mail #42

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,  
Welcome to letter #42

Well we made it ... our 10th new family of the year.  
Please welcome returning member Sheila Newman.  
We are delighted to have Sheila's spirit and strong alto singing voice once again part of the Shir Chadash family.

If you are thinking of joining, now is the time.  
Our new year begins on July 1st.

TODAY is the last day for ads (OK, maybe I'll take an ad on Monday) ...  
Get a business card from your local restaurant and a check for \$50 and be a part of the action.

OR for \$25 you can put a personal 1-line message into the program.  
REPLY TO THIS EMAIL if YOU WOULD LIKE TO.

AND, I can't help believing that the world changed for the better yesterday, when President Obama addressed the world, and especially the Moslem world, from Cairo... among other things he denounced anti-Semitism and called Holocaust-denial hateful and ignorant. AND he said many other important things.

EVENTS and so on:

1. Today, 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.

2. Sunday, June 7th, Our Annual Meeting, from 10:30-1:00  
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.

IF YOU CAN'T COME, PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL YOUR PROXY. THANKS.

3. Wednesday June 10th at 6:30 - Adult Hebrew continues.

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

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

ALSO, this program will be benefiting the schools... we are helping to train 100 teachers in making the classroom a safe environment by curbing bullying. Peter has developed a program called "Don't Laugh at Me." In order to pay for this we have recruited "angels." If you would like to make a donation of \$1000/couple to Operation Respect, you can become an "angel" too, and get to know this Peter personally. A few seats are available yet. Call me (223-5925).

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. 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