

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #45

When I was a kid, and my Dad was driving us home late at night, and we were entering the highway, along the highway entrance ramp were reflectors. My father showed me that he could turn them on and off by putting on his high beams, and then turning off his high beams.

Of course he wasn't turning them on and off.
What we were seeing was just the reflected light.

On June 13th, Peter Yarrow sang the song "Magic" and in that song he talked about community and caring.
Well I think that he was reflecting the spirit of Shir Chadash.
It's not about money, appearances sometimes to the contrary.

For your pleasure... listen and watch Peter sing "Magic". This was a special moment in the life of Shir Chadash.
http://www.shir-chadash.org/yarrow_videos.asp
(Note... there are in fact three videos, "Music Speaks Louder than Words", "Magic", and a clip from the Rehearsal of "Light One Candle". As of now when you use Internet Explorer, you'll only see Magic. If you use Firefox or Safari you'll see all three . We will have this corrected soon).

AND... Peter Yarrow Concert Photos... really good shots (and still more to post).
<http://www.shir-chadash.org/img/yarrow%20concert/Yarrow%20Web%20Gallery/index.html>

BUT LET'S not forget this SUNDAY from 12-3 our SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC.
Bring your kids.
It's a great way to meet a lot of really nice folks... and for your kids to meet their kids.
So come!

Thanks to Fern Lox and Jon Lieberman's for their generosity in opening their house to all the hundreds and hundreds of people (just kidding Fern... ☺)

FOR DETAILS AND DIRECTIONS GO TO <http://www.shir-chadash.org/>
And page down a bit to see our great new ad.

AND OTHER GREAT NEWS...

Please welcome new members Larry and Melinda Weisberg. They are a wonderful addition to our collection of really nice folks.

Larry & Melinda are either our first new family of the new year (our Temple year started July 1st) to actually join in the new year.

Who will be second?

EVENTS and so on:

1. THIS COMING Sunday July 12th, from 12 to 3 - Summer Family Picnic.

2. Thursday July 23rd - WE ARE SEVING DINNER AT HILLCREST HOUSE (the homeless shelter) AGAIN. We need families to make sandwiches (3 families to make 20 each) AND we need fruit and chips and maybe something else. LET ME KNOW if you want to serve or prepare food or both.

3. Sunday July 26th - Join us in the stands with \$5 tickets to see the Renegades
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4. Sunday August 15th - OUR ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY with the piano styling's of Alan Hirschhorn - 6pm at the Country House of the Roosevelt Estate at Dalton Farms... with cocktails.

5. Saturday August 29th - Havdallah service - on our land at 6pm, followed by dinner.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Saturday July 11, 7:00 p.m. at Friends Meeting House, 249 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie

The Ground Truth

An intense documentary of American soldiers sharing their experiences on the battlefield in Iraq, and back home as they try to reassemble their lives.

"By far the finest film to emerge from the awful tangle of 9/11 and the Iraq War." - Time Magazine

One of 15 films on the "short list" for the 2007 Academy Award nominations.

"... an emotionally potent work." -- David Denby, The New Yorker

Description from the film's web site: *"Hailed as 'powerful' and 'quietly unflinching,' Patricia Foulkrod's searing documentary feature includes exclusive footage that will stir audiences. The filmmaker's subjects are patriotic young Americans - ordinary men and women who heeded the call for military service in Iraq - as they experience recruitment and training, combat, homecoming, and the struggle to reintegrate with families and communities. The terrible conflict in Iraq, depicted with ferocious honesty in the film, is a prelude for the even more challenging battles fought by the soldiers returning home with personal demons, an uncomprehending public, and an indifferent government. As these battles take shape, each soldier becomes a new kind of hero, bearing witness and giving support to other veterans, and learning to fearlessly wield the most powerful weapon of all - the truth."*

Caution: Not suitable for children. (Rated R for violent content and language).

Shavuah Tov (have a good week),

Michael

