

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,  
Welcome to letter #8.

### **Five \*HOT\* Items...**

**1. ON Friday (today), Oct 3rd, at 7:30pm. Our 5th Friday night service.**

If you are not in the habit of coming to Shabbat services, you're too busy, too tired, you think that it will be boring, you are not alone. It's hard to start. But come once and you will be surprised.

You'll make friends and you'll learn something.

You'll hear beautiful song. You may even hear your inner self... especially during the silent prayer.

**2. ON Saturday (tomorrow), Oct 4th, at 9:00am. Our 3rd Sharing Shabbat.**

Tot-Shabbat (kids through pre-K) is free to the community. With crafts, food and music our younger children learn the love of Judaism through their senses.

If you have older children and have not registered for school, please do. Higher grades are limited to members, but you are welcome to come to a class and try it on for size without obligation. Here's the school registration form

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

If you enjoy a nosh and some thoughtful discussion led by our world-renown (no kidding!) Rabbi Polish, come to Torah Study at 9:00am. You have my guarantee that you will learn at least one thing amazing. And Judaism is all about learning. We'll make a space at the table for YOU.

**3. ON Sunday, Oct 5th , at 10am.**

**We will be picking apples for the poor.**

A couple of hours of outdoor fun and good works. Bring the kids. We pick and pack and get to take a bag of apples home. See flyer on our website for details [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org) <<http://www.shir-chadash.org/>>

**4. ON Wednesday, Oct 8th, at 8pm.  
Yom Kippur evening service**

**5. ON Thursday, Oct 9th, at 10am.  
Yom Kippur morning service. At 12:30,  
Torah Study. At 2pm, Family service. At  
3pm Afternoon/Memorial/Concluding**

## **service followed by Break Fast**

Our High Holy Day services are incomparable.

Come early and bring your friends. There is an overflow parking lot on Stringham Road.

## **OK... so I was wrong.**

We need more than 25% of dues to pay for the now completed 25% of the year. Last week I made an appeal to those of you who are behind, to catch-up. And to fill Victor's mailbox. **Didn't work.** We got one response.

Here's the thing, if you're behind, then WE ARE BEHIND. We have no buffer. Money goes out as fast as it comes in.

SO Shir Chadash IS behind. No kidding.

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

And do send it in **with a check.**

## **News.**

Please welcome David, Stacie, Hannah and Zachary Wogalter, our first official new members of the year! "Official" means we have received

paperwork. In future weeklies I will put up a bit of info about each new family.

What I can say so far is that Hannah is enjoying school.

We had a lot of new families come to our Rosh Hashanah services! We have a lot of prospective members.

If you are one of them, become one of us. Choose to join us. Your choices define... you.

Here's the full membership packet

<http://www.shir-chadash.org/pdf/Complete%20Membership%20Packet%202008-2009.pdf>

Those of you that gave us your e-mail addresses are getting this lively note.

Those of you who didn't... hello? Can you hear me?

Oh well. If you know anyone who should be added to our email list, send me the address!

Thank you to Rabbi Polish, our professional quartet and the Shir Chadash Choir for making Rosh Hashanah services uplifting, engaging, thoughtful... a time for contemplation. Rabbi Polish spoke about change on Monday night. We've seen such

momentous changes in our lifetimes, but oh how hard it is to change even small things in our lives.

And the Rabbi about the separation of church and state on Tuesday morning. Bad for church. Bad for state.

Our president taught a lesson about Exodus and about choices. I may put up that talk on our website. I'll let you know if I do.

And on Tuesday afternoon we had the best family service I've ever seen. There were lots of kids and Rabbi Polish connected with them. It seemed a little like Leonard Bernstein's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*... for those who remember, except it was about finding the right sound for the shofar ... and more.

**Let's live our values... Remember to fill the grocery bag you took home on Rosh Hashanah and return it on Yom Kipper.**

Our neighbors are under a strain. This is a great way to show your kids (and ourselves) that we are our brother's keeper.

Check our website frequently. [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)  
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