

Dear Shir Chadash Family and Friends,
Welcome to letter #9.

Five *HOT* Items...

1. ON Sunday (tomorrow), Oct 12th, at 10:00am.

We will be building our Sukkah on our land. The land is just north of Route 55 on Freedom Road.

You can park by the LaGrange Historical Society building on the corner of Fink Road and Freedom Road. Bring your kids and bring decorations... fruit, paper chains, corn stalks...

We should have people coming with tools, but if you have a favorite tool and want to help in the assembling of the structure, bring it.

2. Next Friday Night, October 17th, Sukkot Services will be at 5:30pm (instead of 7:30). And they will be on our land (instead of at the FPPC).

We will have the service inside our sukkah on our land when there is still light out.

The service will be short and we'll have a little nosh (you're supposed to eat in the

Sukkah). You'll also get a chance to shake your lulav and etrog and to just be with nature and Judaism.

3. Next Saturday, October 18th at 9am will be our 4th Sharing Shabbat

If you have older (than tots) children and have not registered for school, please do. Grades beyond tots are limited to members, but you are welcome to come to a class and try it on for size without obligation. But *if you are thinking of starting your child's Jewish education...* it's really time to start!!!

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 and humor led by our world-renowned (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.

4. ON Sunday, Oct 19th , at 11am. The

CROP walk to raise money for food pantries.

Here's more information

<http://www.dutchessinterfaithcouncil.org/>

You can either walk the 6K or sponsor a walker. Please contact John Wallach if you would like to do either

jwallach@hunter.cuny.edu

5. ON Friday, Oct 24th, at 6pm. OUR 2nd Congregational Shabbat Dinner

This time we will have a catered dinner (by Boston Market) so ***you MUST let us know*** if you are coming. Please e-mail Roberta Tracy at tracyajrs@aol.com.

Dinner is ***only \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children***. We will also provide

vegetarian fare. We'll have white table cloths and wine and candles and have a chance to meet each other. Followed by SIMCHAS TORAH services at 7:30pm.

Come hold part of the Torah as we unroll the whole scroll and find the Rabbi's

favorite parts. It's really quite a trick to be able to find anything, isn't it? After all there are no numbers, no chapter heads. Maybe he'll tell us how he does it.

News.

Please welcome Roberta Wiener, our second official new member of the year! "Official" means we have received paperwork. Committee chairs take note. Roberta is looking to work. Roberta is our fourth Roberta! (if you're curious, in order of decreasing seniority, they are: Tracy, Schiff, Lorio and now Wiener).

A number of other families told me that they would be joining. Next week maybe we'll see ten more? Twenty? Make it happen!

We are all part of the larger world, but it's nice to have a respite from events at Shir Chadash. Yom Kippur was especially peaceful. A whole day immersed in contemplation, hunger and then eating. We had many new families come, and especially sweet was seeing some old ones return.

If you would like extra copies of our first **BOOK of Remembrance**, let me know.

It has prayers for contemplation, Kaddish and graveside visits.

There are a lot of prospective members.

If you are one of them, send in the forms.

We all NEED to be part of a community. Be part of ours and live longer!

And yes, 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!

We gathered bags and bags of food. They will fill many shelves at the food bank. But this year we may have to repeat the effort periodically.

Rabbi Polish spoke about the Shema and how it embodies much of Jewish thought on Wednesday night and about Hunger and Kashrut on Thursday.

So many in this world have a fast that does not break. The CROP walk is a small step in the direction of remedying the problem. And Kashrut... maybe not so irrelevant?

Our president taught a lesson about evolution and health. I may put both talks on our website. I'll let you know if I do.

Check our website frequently. www.shir-chadash.org
<<http://www.shir-chadash.org/>> .

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