



**WELCOME to SHIR CHADASH:
THE BROOKLYN JEWISH COMMUNITY CHORUS**
an independent, not-for-profit community choir now in its twentieth season!

MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Potential members will be asked to audition with our conductor so that he can assess your voice part, and your ability to carry a tune and to blend with other voices.

Shir Chadash members have a love of Jewish music and an interest in improving their musical skills. We improve, both individually and as a group, through weekly rehearsals and individual practice and preparation for those rehearsals

- Members must commit to attending weekly rehearsals, which are generally held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30PM-9:30PM at Park Slope Jewish Center (PSJC, Eighth Avenue and 14th Street). Additional sectional rehearsals are sometimes needed in preparation for concerts. These will be held either earlier on Tuesday evenings or at other times during the week.
- In addition to weekly rehearsals, members should practice on their own. New and continuing members are strongly urged to BRING A SOUND RECORDER, HIGHLIGHTER, AND PENCIL to rehearsals. Recorded voice parts for self-study will also be available via email or the Internet.

Members must pay YEARLY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DUES of \$275

- Payments may be made by cash or check. Checks should be made out to *Shir Chadash*
- Dues must be PAID IN FULL BY October 31 to be listed as a member in concert programs for the 2019-20 season.
- Members who need to make other financial arrangements are asked to speak with our Treasurer.
- There are NO REFUNDS for early departure during the season.
- Dues paid cannot be carried over to the following year.

We COMMUNICATE PRIMARILY BY E-MAIL. All members must have an e-mail address or an e-mail “buddy.”

Our concert attire is BLACK ON BLACK: SOLID, LONG-SLEEVED BLACK TOP AND BLACK PANTS/LONG SKIRT. When singing at performances with a binder, we use only PLAIN BLACK BINDERS. Out of respect for our members with allergies, we do not wear perfume or aftershave, especially when performing.

Shir Chadash has NO FULL-TIME or PART-TIME STAFF. We are a volunteer-run organization and depend on our members for support. Members are strongly urged to help with tasks that contribute to the choir’s continued existence and well-being.

For more information, send an email to ShirChadashBJCC@gmail.com

PLEASE DO NOT CALL PSJC!

Rehearsal Etiquette

We have a very limited amount of rehearsal time in which to prepare for our concerts, so we need to use that time efficiently and effectively. Here are a few reminders about rehearsals:

Please be on time. Rehearsals will start promptly at 7:30, and will end at 9:30. This is a community, as well as a community chorus, so you are encouraged to show up a few minutes early to schmooze and catch up with other members, so that once the rehearsal begins, there isn't a need to chat.

Bring your music (all of it!) every week. We are starting out with full sets of the music we'll be performing in our next concert, so put those scores in your black binder and bring them with you. You should be able to find each piece in your binder quickly, so that we don't spend rehearsal time waiting for people to locate their music.

Bring a pencil and a highlighter to rehearsal, so that you are prepared to note any changes or instructions in the score. You are welcome to bring a recorder to rehearsals as well.

Turn off your cell phone, or if you must leave it on for whatever reason, turn it to vibrate. If you need to answer a call or send a text, please go outside to do it.

Pay attention! Whether the conductor is working specifically with your section, or with another section, pay attention! (Frequently, what is true for one section will be true for another a bit farther on in the piece). Do not use other sections' reviews as a time to chat. It's distracting and you might miss something important. Likewise, when another section is reviewing its part, don't hum or sing your part along with them – it doesn't help them, and it's distracting.

Please read the weekly rehearsal notes, and when there are comments that relate to your voice part, make a note in your score.

Mark your calendars now for concert and rehearsal dates for this season.

The Jewish holiday calendar is complicated (as always), so we will have a substantial break for the holidays. Mark your calendars now for rehearsal and concert dates

Hanukkah Concert: **Sunday, December 15,** 3 p.m. Flatbush Jewish Center.

20th Anniversary Concert: **Thursday, April 23, 8:00** p.m. PSJC

Shir Chadash 2019-20 Rehearsal and Performance Calendar

All regular rehearsals will be held at PSJC at 7:30 p.m.

- Sept 3 – First rehearsal
- Sept 10 -- Rehearsal
- Sept 17 -- Rehearsal
- Sept 24 – Rehearsal
- Oct 1 – No rehearsal; (Rosh Hashanah is 9/30-10/1)
- Oct 8 – No rehearsal; (Yom Kippur is 10/9)
- Oct 15 – No rehearsal (Sukkot is 10/14-10/15)
- Oct 22 – No Rehearsal (Simchat Torah is 10/22)
- Oct 29 – Rehearsal
- Nov 5 – Rehearsal
- Nov 12 – Rehearsal
- Nov 19 – Rehearsal
- Nov 26 – Rehearsal
- Dec 3 – Rehearsal
- Dec 10 – Rehearsal
- Dec 15 *Concert 3:00 pm, Flatbush Jewish Center (call time 1:30)***
- Dec 17 – Rehearsal (if needed)
- Dec 24 – No Rehearsal (Christmas Eve)**
- Jan 1 – No Rehearsal (New Year's Eve)**
- Jan 7 – Rehearsal
- Jan 14 – Rehearsal
- Jan 21 – Rehearsal
- Jan 28 – Rehearsal
- Feb 4 – Rehearsal
- Feb 11 – Rehearsal
- Feb 18 – Rehearsal
- Feb 25 – Rehearsal
- March 3 – Rehearsal
- March 10 – No Rehearsal (Purim)**
- March 17 – Rehearsal
- March 24 – Rehearsal
- March 31 – Rehearsal
- April 7 – Rehearsal
- April 14 – Rehearsal (tentative: it's the week of Pesach)
- April 21 – Dress Rehearsal
- April 23 -- *20th Anniversary Concert at PSJC 8:00 p.m. (call time 6:30)***

April 28 -- Final Rehearsal/ End of Year Party –location tbd