

Shalom Chevre -

The Annual Salute to Israel Parade is coming up fast. Because of YOU and all your hard work, we will be a group of more than 500 people from this community, marching together in celebration of Israel @60. THANK YOU!

If you are the lead/contact person for your group, please verify via return email that you have received and have read this information:

- ◇ Each group needs to designate one contact person who will be on your bus and marching with us at the parade. Please give me this name and cell phone # so that I can compile a master list.
- ◇ **INFO ON BUSES:** Our buses are loading beginning at 10:00 am and leaving promptly at 10:30 am from the Park and Ride at Exit 49 - that is on the North Service Road / North of the LIE, between Route 110 and Pinelawn Road.
- ◇ **Gathering place and march time:** We will gather in the city at 53rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. Our group's assembly time is 12:30 pm; our expected time of march is 1:00 pm. We will give you the order of our march next week.
- ◇ **INFO ON T-SHIRTS:** Your T-shirt orders are due to me no later than May 20 – please try to get your orders this week, so there's some 'cushion' time. Sizes are all Adult – S, M, L, XL and XXL. Please make your checks out to Concepts in Promotions - \$5.25/shirt. You can pick up shirts at SAJES on Friday, May 30 between 12 noon and 5:00 pm. Your check needs to accompany pick-up. **EVERYONE WHO MARCHES WITH OUR GROUP MUST WEAR THIS SHIRT.**

If you are unsure of how many shirts, order a few more – they're great shirts to have. **THANK YOU TO AMY MANTIONE OF ELEMENT GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR DESIGNING SUCH BEAUTIFUL SHIRTS FOR US!!!!**

- ◇ **INFO ON BAGEL BOSS:** Once again, Bagel Boss of East Northport is offering individually bagged noshes for \$4.50 each, delivered that morning to the buses. Each bag will have a bagel and cream cheese or butter, bottle of water, piece of fruit, bag of chips and rugelach. You need to place your full order NO later than Tuesday, May 26 by calling Jeff at Bagel Boss at 631-462-3922. **PAYMENT (checks made out to Bagel Boss) IS EXPECTED AT PICK-UP – NO BILLING.**

- ◇ **PROPS: Our theme is Israel: 60 years of Innovation and Imagination.** This is on our T-shirts and our banner. We hope that your group will have props that can carry out this theme – technology, art, history, literature, medicine – the list is endless. We also want to carry colorful pom poms in blues, golds and white. You can either ‘make’ these with strips of fabric, or purchase them. Either way, we want our group to be visible and shining!
- ◇ Each synagogue/school marches with their own banner all as part of our parade cluster group, The SAJES Community Friends of Israel. Our group banner will lead our cluster **(thank you, Barry Kessler, for donating our cluster’s banner each year!)** We march with 8 people across, with adults on the outside to keep the lines straight and orderly. Please try to keep 10-12 feet between the last row of your group and the banner of the next group.
- ◇ The parade route is from 55th to 79th Street, and takes just under 1 hour to march the entire route. We will turn off at 80th or 81st Streets. We anticipate boarding the buses for the return trip at 3:00 - 3:30 pm, and will expect to return to Long Island no later than 5:00 pm.

Many of you have asked to be able to view the parade in addition to marching. We hope to be able to view the parade at the beginning of the line of march (when we first arrive) and at the end of the parade route as well. Depending on timing, let’s stay and watch the parade. The buses need to leave no later than 3:30 pm. Feel free to view the parade until that time.

- Please remind everyone in your group that no strollers, purses or backpacks are allowed on the parade route. Only fanny packs are allowed - bottled water and cameras are ok. Please make certain that every adult and child carries a photo ID. You can leave your belongings on the bus; our buses will be locked and the drivers are instructed to stay with the vehicles. **ONLY THE GROUP LEADERS SHOULD BE CARRYING CELL PHONES DURING THE PARADE.**

My cell # is 631-745-0449. Thank you for all your hard work and effort on behalf of this wonderful annual community-wide march for Israel. We look forward to a great day.

Kol tuv,

Sherry

