



## **Shir Harmony Celebrates the Season and Atlanta's Diversity**

Shir Harmony will perform a family Chanukah concert at the William Bremen Jewish Home in Atlanta on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. The event is a Chanukah dinner for the residents and their families. The performance will include a full concert plus a sing-along of Chanukah favorites. On Thursday, January 15, 2009 Shir Harmony will participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Night at Autrey Mill Middle School. Each year the school celebrates its culturally diverse student body by hosting a dinner and showcase of performances with international flair. Shir Harmony has participated in the event for the past 5 years, as our own Kim London is a teacher at the school.

Shir Harmony is Atlanta's only adult Jewish women's a cappella group. The group blends seven individual and beautiful voices to present un-accompanied vocal music in celebration of their Jewish heritage and faith.

### **History of Shir Harmony**

Shir Harmony was formed as an outlet for Jewish adults in the Atlanta area to sing a cappella music after college, and thereby continue to pursue their love of singing and performing in this rather specialized genre. (A cappella means without instrumental accompaniment.) The original group was formed in 2000 and included both men and women. In 2002, Shir Harmony reorganized as an all-female group. Each member contributes her own unique experience with performing vocal music, including majors or minors in music, membership in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and other professional-quality local choirs or secular a cappella groups, rock and roll bands, and various musical theater organizations and opera companies. The current members of Shir Harmony are: Melissa Black, Tracy Britan, Kim London, Heather Low, Mindy Margolis, Adina Rudisch, and Lisa Staimez.

### **Performances and Availability**

Most recently, Shir Harmony participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual We Do Hallelu at Ahavath Achim Synagogue. Selections from Shir Harmony's self-titled CD were featured on *Jewish Brunch with the JT Bunch*, a Jewish-focused radio show on AM 1690 "Voice of the Arts" in Atlanta, GA, and hosted by Marcy Levinson of the *Atlanta Jewish Times*. Shir Harmony has traveled to Athens, GA to entertain the Sisterhood of Congregation Children of Israel at their opening meeting, Augusta, GA to perform for the Adas Yeshurun Sisterhood and to Memphis, TN to perform at the opening meeting for the Women of Reform Judaism. Shir Harmony was featured at the Jewish Federation of Atlanta's Centennial Celebration, held at the Georgia Aquarium, and has been a regular part of the musical entertainment at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta's annual Jewish Festival since 2002. Shir Harmony has entertained Holocaust survivors as part of Café Europa, and regularly performs for various synagogue Sisterhood functions, Shabbat services, and local assisted living facilities.

Shir Harmony is a professional performance group that is available for weddings, private parties, fundraisers, and special events of all kinds. For bookings and CD information, contact Mindy Margolis at 678-637-0553, send an email to shirharmony@yahoo.com, or visit our web site at [www.shirharmony.com](http://www.shirharmony.com).