



Dear Friend,

The Steering Committee is asking you to renew your commitment to Kehilat Chaverim for 2009-2010 at this time. Before you complete the membership form, please read through the complete list of *Committee Responsibilities*. Your committee involvement is extremely important, both as a way of sharing responsibility for the group's development and as a key to feeling included and involved.

Without your active participation, there is no Kehilat Chaverim.

We will continue with our cluster structure, each of which is comprised of related committees. The Steering Committee created these clusters to facilitate collaboration between committees and to increase membership participation in activities that meet the needs of the entire Kehilat. The Steering Committee members who are assigned to specific committees are listed on this form. The clusters are Jewish Life, which includes Sunday School, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Festivals, Shabbat and High Holidays; Community Life, which includes Community Action, Membership Support, Social Activities and Education/Culture; and Administration which includes Administrative Operations, Communications, and Treasury.

To help ensure a successful year, we ask you to:

- Sign up for a committee in whose work you can and will actively participate. Active involvement by at least one adult per member household is required. More than one adult per household is both welcomed and encouraged.
- Consider serving on a committee for at least two years to help maintain continuity. Your experience on that committee is valuable. If you are a long-time committee member, please consider trying something new.
- Consider serving on more than one committee, if time and interests allow.
- Attend the mandatory membership meeting in the fall.

Thank you in advance for your active participation and support.

Kehilat Chaverim Steering Committee

Please send in your membership and committee choices

By July 15

so that we can begin planning for the coming year!



2009-2010 Committee Responsibilities

Jewish Life

Sunday School – Naomi Amaya 519-6663, Robert Bell 561-1804 and Barbara Friedman 676-1180*

Coordinates ongoing operations and future plans for the Kehilat Chaverim Sunday School grades K-8. Responsible for programming events such as family and parent education workshops. Also responsible for administrative details such as budget and logistics.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah – Faith Fuerst 236-9296 and Laura Pels 667-1628*

Helps families with overall bar/bat mitzvah planning, development of the service, logistics of the event, and general problem solving. Serve as coaches to bar/bat mitzvah youths in preparing their d'var Torah speeches. Work with the families individually and may also participate in family workshops.

Festivals – Nancy Malley 844-8637*

Plans intergenerational activities for Sukkot, Chanukah, and Purim. For Passover, the committee will coordinate the matching up of members for at-home Seders.

Shabbat – Herb Gerjuoy 233-5964 and Karen Dworski 673-9678*

Develops and conducts monthly Sabbath services, usually on Friday evenings. Responsibilities include location, shopping, set-up, clean-up and arranging baby-sitting for Sabbath services, as well as structure, content and leadership of services.

High Holidays (Ad Hoc Committee) – Sue Garten 233-0676 and Marcie Schwartz 676-8558*

Arranges logistics and coordinates services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Requests for volunteers for the High Holidays will be solicited at a later time. We encourage all KC members to help with the High Holidays, but, as an ad hoc committee, this does not count towards your membership work requirement.

Community Life

Membership Support – Sheila Mascolo 521-1848 and Joan Walden 233-2379*

Helps integrate new members. Maintains information on referrals and resources for life-cycle events and other special needs of members. Responds to personal and family life-cycle events. Coordinates membership brunch and annual membership meeting.

Education/Culture – Hila Yanai 657-9396*

Seeks to deepen and broaden our understanding of Jewish life by creating opportunities for learning and discussion. Our goal is to both offer educational and cultural enrichment, and to foster a sense of community among KC members around interests and concerns we share in common. Committee members develop ideas and organize events.



Community Action - Maggie Cohen* 561-3304

Organizes community outreach efforts. Coordinates volunteer opportunities such as serving at a soup kitchen or participating in charitable causes.

Social Activities – Marilyn Pet* 282-1717 and Marcey Munoz* 216-5216

Plans and organizes social events for Kehilat Chaverim such as gatherings, parties and theme nights.

Administration

Administrative Operations – Marcey Munoz* 216-5216 and Marilyn Pet* 282-1717

Maintains membership and mailing list records. Serves as public contact and handles all inquiries about the group. Coordinates membership renewal process and assignments to committees. Maintains group archives. Publishes annual report and organizes annual meeting. Conducts recruitment for steering committee.

Treasury - Bob Abraham* 561-1155

Handles finances which includes paying bills, reviewing insurance coverage and investing group's funds in a fiscally responsible manner. Also responsible for setting up and maintaining annual budget. Presents budget for membership approval at annual meeting.

Communications – Marsha Faith* 521-0621

Plans, coordinates and publishes the monthly newsletter/calendar/flyer mailings and maintains KC website. Responsible for determining content of newsletter and website and researching/writing/collecting/editing articles pertaining to Judaism, KC membership, the local community and the larger Jewish community.

Recruitment (Ad Hoc Committee) – Elisa Stark-Rifkin* 659-8986

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Develops, plans and implements multi-faceted approach to bringing on new members with an emphasis on increasing Sunday School enrollment. This committee is looking for the help and support of all KC members. Please consider taking the initiative and calling Elisa to see how you can help.

* Steering Committee Members



2009-2010 Membership Registration

Membership in Kehilat Chaverim requires active participation in the operation of the group. We encourage **all** adults within KC to join a committee to feel a greater sense of belonging to our community; however, at least one adult from each member household is **required** to sign up for and participate on a committee. If you cannot make this commitment, but want to remain part of our extended family, we welcome you to sign-up for our mailing list.

The one exception to the committee work requirement pertains to our newest membership category, Member Emeritus. This can be requested by members who have actively participated in the Chavurah for at least 10 years, but whose personal circumstances don't allow them to satisfy the work requirement of membership. To apply for emeritus status, check the option below and someone from the Steering Committee will call you to discuss further.

Tell us who you are:

Adult 1 _____ Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____
Adult 2: _____ Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

Address: _____
Email Address Adult #1 _____ Email Address Adult #2 _____

Young adults (13 and over) _____ Age _____ Children _____ Age _____
_____ Age _____ _____ Age _____

What kind of membership would you like?

Please check **ONLY ONE** - one-adult, multi-adult, mailing list or emeritus household

Full membership:

- Membership dues are based exclusively on the number of adults in your household, not the number of adults who intend to participate in the Chavurah.
- A "household" consists of one or more adults at a given address, plus any of their student children, regardless of where they reside.

_____ \$75 One-Adult Household Membership _____ \$120 Multi-Adult Household Membership
_____ \$75 One-Adult Household Emeritus Membership _____ \$120 Multi-Adult Household Emeritus Membership

Mailing list

_____ \$50 Mailing list only (for non-members)

Would you like to make a contribution to our Sunday School? \$ _____ to Community Action? \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ If a reduction, deferral or waiver of fees would enable you to join the group, please indicate here and someone will contact you. All requests will be kept strictly confidential.

Please make check payable to "Kehilat Chaverim" and send, along with completed membership and committee forms, to: Marilyn Pet, 235 East River Dr. #1601, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Note: Fees for membership dues, Sunday School registration and High Holidays should be paid with **separate checks**. For questions regarding Sunday School, call Naomi Amaya (860)-519-6663.



BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR **COMMITTEE PREFERENCES.**

What are your committee preferences?

To maintain continuity and utilize your valuable experience, please consider staying on the same committee for more than one year. People on the mailing list are also welcome to serve on committees.

Please indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd committee choices.

To ensure balanced and effective committees we may need to place you on a committee other than your first choice. **Please indicate your 2nd and 3rd choices** so that we can assure a good fit.

See enclosure for descriptions of committee responsibilities.

	Adult 1	Adult 2
Jewish Life	*****	*****
Sunday School		
Bar/Bat Mitzvah		
Festivals		
Shabbat		
Community Life	*****	*****
Community Action		
Membership Support		
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Administration	*****	*****
Administrative Operations		
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Communications		

I understand that Kehilat Chaverim is a participatory organization and that fulfilling my work commitment is an obligatory part of my membership.

Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Do you know anyone who may be interested in receiving information about Kehilat Chaverim?

Name: _____

Phone _____

Address: _____

Email: _____