



Kehilat Chaverim

A welcoming cooperative where Judaism is celebrated

Kehilat Chaverim invites you to join us for the 2019-2020 year.

Kehilat Chaverim is an all-inclusive group that was established in 1978 as an alternative to a traditional synagogue. Services and events are held in members' homes and public locations. The group's over-arching goal is to provide an affordable and accessible community for people who wish to participate in Jewish culture and observance while offering support and friendship to one another throughout life's stages. Thanks to an all-volunteer group, we keep our dues structure low. Dues have remained unchanged for at least 20 years. A fundamental precept is the requirement that our members design, organize, staff, and run all of our programs. The group comprises 70 households and welcomes Jewish, interfaith, and LGBT couples and individuals. Ages range from young to ripe.

Activities

We offer High Holiday Services, Celebration of Jewish Holidays, Sabbath Services, Community Action, Social Activities, Education/Cultural Programs, and more. Many programs are the result of standing committees, while some are the result of member-generated interest.

Our goal for this year is to continue our focus on building and reinforcing the connections among and between members and between Kehilat Chaverim and the broader community. The purpose of this focus on member and community "engagement" is to foster dialogue and relationships among members, strengthen community awareness of Kehilat Chaverim and outreach to potential members, and our awareness of and involvement with similar community-building initiatives in the local area that are focusing on sustaining Jewish congregations and organizations.

Membership

Become a full member OR join our associate mailing list.

New members are always welcome. Members are asked to please read through the list of *Committee Responsibilities*. Your committee involvement is essential, both as a way of sharing responsibility for the group's development and as a key to feeling included and involved. Please 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, although more than one adult per household is welcome to participate.

Membership includes newsletters and event notifications, so it is not necessary to pay for both membership and mailing list.

Mailing List: Inclusion on the mailing list enables those who are interested in Kehilat Chaverim but unable to fully participate to receive all newsletters and event notifications via e-mail.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Marcey Munoz - (860) 216-5216 - marceynews@gmail.com or kehilatchaverim@gmail.com



2019-2020 Membership Registration

Membership in Kehilat Chaverim requires active participation in the operation of the group. We encourage **all** adults 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 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 a Steering Committee member will be in touch.*

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)

Children under 13

_____ Age _____ _____ 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 (whether or not both participate) 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 Associates Mailing list only (for non-members)

_____ Optional contribution for 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.

Forms and Checks are due by JULY 31

Pay and select committee online or make check payable to "Kehilat Chaverim" and send, along with completed membership and committee forms to: Nancy Malley, 8 Indian Hill Drive, Granby, CT 06035

Note: Fees for membership dues and High Holidays should be paid separately.



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

What are your committee preferences?

Please consider trying a different committee this year.
 People on the mailing list are welcome to serve on committees.

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 be sure to indicate your 2nd and 3rd choices** so that we can assure a good fit.

See enclosure for descriptions of committee responsibilities.

COMMITTEE	ADULT #1	ADULT #2
Administration	n/a	n/a
Communication		
Community Action		
Education/Culture/Community Engagement		
Festivals		
Membership Support/Life Cycles		
Shabbat		
Social Activities		

I agree that as a member of Kehilat Chaverim, I am committed to fulfilling my committee assignment. This obligation will enable the organization to continue to thrive, and is essential to the good and welfare of all.

Name (print) _____

Signature _____

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

Name: _____

Phone _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Phone _____

Address: _____



2019-2020 Committees

Jewish Life

Festivals— Ellen Coffey 860 519-5662 and Harriet Winograd* 860 869-1921*

Plans activities for Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover. Social events include family programs and adult parties and theme nights. Past activities have included an Empty Bowls fundraiser, museum tours, theatre nights, sporting events, and a Purim costume party.

Shabbat –Susan Doran 860 384-8262*

Coordinates monthly Sabbath services in members' homes in months when there is not a Jewish holiday that KC celebrates as a group. Hosts will have discretion as to the form Shabbat at their house takes, e.g., a full service, an abbreviated service or just basic prayers; pot luck dinner or just dessert; Friday night or Saturday afternoon/evening Havdalah. Committee responsibilities will include planning the service calendar in advance; recruiting hosts; advertising gatherings; assisting hosts (with organizing services, shopping for refreshments and supplies, and set-up and clean-up); and reimbursing hosts' expenses.

High Holidays (Ad Hoc Committee) – Sue Garten 860 798-5938 and Marcie Schwartz*860 676-8558*

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 members to become involved, but, as an ad hoc committee, this does not count towards your membership work requirement.

Community Life

*Social Activities – Andrea Levy*860 558-7914*

The goal of this committee is to create fun experiences for fellowship and getting to know each other better. Former events included going to Playhouse on Park, Hartford Yard Goats, museum outings, the Yiddish Book Center and the 40th Anniversary Party.

Membership Support and Life Cycle –Debby Szajnberg 860 521-1776 and Elaine Groundwater* 860-729-3489*

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 Annual Fall Meeting.

*Community, Culture and Education- Karen Harrington*860 860 233-3479 and Sue Garten*860 798-5938*

This year the Kehilat Chaverim Steering Committee approved the merger of the Education Cultural Committee and the Community Engagement Committee. The decision was based on the recognition that there was significant overlap between the two committees in terms of planning events that are educational and relevant. Ideas for upcoming programs include group outings to events in the Hartford area such as the film festivals at the JCC and Wesleyan, and other events at the Charter Oak Cultural Center. We will continue pop up salons that have focused topics such as Jewish Identity, anti-Semitism, and the political climate. We had a collaboration with The Friends of the Hartford Quaker Meeting House and were asked by them to consider future joint programs. We also hope to organize an art and/or cooking event. We are excited about the potential for new programs and welcome people with creative vision and energy.



Community Action – Robin Kriesberg 860-914 588-7476 and Linda Busch 860 508-2190*

Organizes community outreach efforts, coordinates volunteer opportunities, and participates in activities. Recent projects have included preparing meals and serving at a soup kitchen, collecting bags and items for the girls at The Bridge, sorting and bagging produce at Foodshare's Regional Market, and running a turkey drive.

Communication

*Communication – Joan Walden*860-233-2379*

Plans, coordinates and publishes the bi-monthly newsletter and maintains the website. Responsible for determining content of newsletter and website and researching/writing/collecting/editing articles pertaining to Judaism, members, and the larger Jewish community. Develops special projects (such as a 2012 Challah calendar) to foster pride in the group and to use as a public relations tool. Oversees the collection of photos for media distribution, and advises on the writing and distribution of media releases. Designs and places ads in appropriate publications and program books.

Administration

Administrative Operations – Marcey Munoz 860-216-5216* Organizes steering committee, its meetings and activities. Coordinates group calendar of events. Serves as public contact and handles all inquiries about the group. Coordinates membership renewal process and assignments to committees. Publishes annual report and organizes annual meeting. Maintains membership and mailing list records. Communicates events, activities and group issues to the membership.

Treasury - Nancy Malley 860-844-8637* Handles finances which include paying bills, reviewing insurance coverage and investing group's funds in a fiscally responsible manner. Responsible for setting up and maintaining annual budget. Presents budget for membership approval at annual meeting.

* Steering Committee Members