



Kehilat Chaverim

A welcoming cooperative where Judaism is celebrated

Kehilat Chaverim invites you to join us for the 2022-2023 year

Kehilat Chaverim is an all-inclusive group that was established in 1978 as an alternative to a traditional synagogue. Until March 2020, services, observances and events were held in members' homes and public locations. We welcome people who wish to participate in Jewish culture and observance while offering support and friendship to one another throughout life's stages in an affordable and accessible community.

A fundamental precept is the requirement that our members design, organize, staff, and run all of our programs. The group's governance is overseen by a Steering Committee of 9-13 people. The group comprises approximately 70 households and welcomes Jewish, interfaith, and LGBTQ couples and individuals. Ages range from young to ripe.

About the dues: Thanks to an all-volunteer group, we have maintained a low dues structure which has remained unchanged for at least 20 years. However, if anyone is not in a position to pay all or some of the dues we will accommodate your needs.

2022-2023 Membership Registration

Membership in Kehilat Chaverim requires active participation in the operation of the group. **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**.

Emeritus Status: 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 contact you.*

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 _____ Ages _____
_____ Ages _____

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.

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

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

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

Emeritus Mailing list

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

Donation

\$ _____ **Optional contribution to Kehilat Chaverim**

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 Payments are due by AUGUST 21, 2022

Pay and select your committee choice on the PayPal option from our website, <https://www.kehilatchaverim.org>, which also accepts credit cards. 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

BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR COMMITTEE PREFERENCES.

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.

People on the mailing list are welcome to serve on committees.

COMMITTEE	ADULT #1	ADULT #2
Community Action		
Festivals		
Lifelong Learning		
Marketing & Communications		
Membership		
Shabbat		
Social Activities		

I agree that as a member of Kehilat Chaverim, I am committed to fulfilling my committee assignment. Fulfilling your obligation enables our organization to sustain our community and continue to thrive.

Name (print) _____

Signature _____

COMMITTEE CHOICES:

Community Action – Marcey Munoz social.action@kehilatchaverim.org*

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.

Festivals– Ellen Coffey and Harriet Winograd* festivals@kehilatchaverim.org*

Plans activities for Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover, and coordinates with the Shabbat Committee when appropriate. Past celebrations have included outdoor Sukkot Shabbat potluck dinners and services; Hanukkah parties (coupled one year with an Empty Bowls fundraiser); Purim "Rock Operas" and costume parties; and Passover-themed activities such as recipe tastings, a guest speaker on creative seder ideas, and a gathering at a paint your own pottery studio to create original Seder plates and Elijah's/Miriam's cups.

Lifelong Learning -- Sue Garten suegarten1@gmail.com*

The focus of this committee is to organize and facilitate diverse programs for the membership. Community Engagement activities have included Pop up Salons at which members have discussed a range of topics such as current events, Jewish identity, and the book Being Mortal. The committee also organized an outing to see and discuss a film that was part of the Jewish Film Festival. The Education/Culture mission of the committee is to present educational programs on Jewish history and culture. As examples, we have two speakers lined up for Winter/Spring 2021: Author Hanna Marcus will discuss her book "Sidonia's Thread", and Professor Avinoam Patt will present a program on Jewish Humor.

Marketing & Communications – Dan Haar communicaitons@kehilatchaverim.org*

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.

Membership – Debby Szajnberg and Elaine Groundwater* support@kehilatchaverim.org*

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 Membership Meeting.

Shabbat –Susan Doransusan@doran.us*

Coordinates monthly Sabbath services in members' homes in months when there is not a Jewish holiday that KC celebrates as a group. Hosts determine the date and time as well as the format of the event and the service: a full or abbreviated service; a potluck dinner or just dessert; Friday night or Saturday Havdalah. Committee responsibilities include calendar planning, recruiting hosts, advertising gatherings, assisting hosts with shopping, set up and clean up, and reimbursing hosts for expenses. During COVID-19, ZOOM services were utilized when colder weather and earlier sunsets made backyard, socially distanced services impractical.

Social Activities – Andrea Levy afendive@gmail.com, Laura Pels*lpels@cox.net*

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.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Administration:

- **Steering Committee Administration** -- Ellen Coffey*, Co-Chair ercscoffey@gmail.com
Organizes Steering Committee, oversees its meetings and responsibilities. Coordinates group calendar of events. Publishes annual report, coordinates nominating process and organizes Spring annual meeting.
- **Membership Administration** -- Debby Szajnberg*, Co-Chair support@kehilatchaverim.org
Coordinates membership renewal process and assignments to committees. Maintains membership and mailing list records.
- **Treasurer** -- Nancy Malley* mnmalley@yahoo.com
Manages finances which includes paying bills, reimbursing expenses, collecting membership registration fees and contributions, 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.
- **Emails to Membership** – Nancy Malley* mnmalley@yahoo.com
Communicates to the membership notice of committee-sponsored events, community events of interest, and social justice emails that meet approved guidelines.
- **External Inquiries** – Karen Dworski* kdwo543210@yahoo.com
Serves as public contact for the KC, handles all external inquiries about the group and communications with prospective members, sends information packets to new members, consults on appropriateness of emails to be sent to membership.
- **High Holidays** – Sue Garten* suegarten1@gmail.com
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.
- **GHIAA** (Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance) - Karen Dworski* kdwo543210@yahoo.com and Ruth Goldbaum

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

* Steering Committee Members