



## **Kehilat Chaverim**

A welcoming cooperative where Judaism is celebrated

### **Kehilat Chaverim invites you to join us for the 2024-2025 year**

Kehilat Chaverim is an inclusive group that was established in 1978 as an alternative to a traditional synagogue. Services, observances, and events are 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.

We operate as a true cooperative: 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 younger to ripe.

Because we are an all-volunteer group, we have maintained a low dues structure. We will accommodate anyone who cannot pay all or some of the dues.

## 2024-2025 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional household members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 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, emeritus household, or mailing list

\_\_\_\_ **\$100 One-Adult Household Membership**    \_\_\_\_ **\$150 Multi-Adult Household Membership**

\_\_\_\_ **\$100 One-Adult Emeritus Membership**    \_\_\_\_ **\$150 Multi-Adult Emeritus Membership**

\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_ **\$75 Mailing list (non-member)**

### Donation:

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

**Total amount enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Forms and Payments are due by **AUGUST 25, 2024**

Pay and select your committee choice at <https://www.kehilatchaverim.org> which accepts credit cards and PayPal, OR send a check payable to “Kehilat Chaverim” 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.

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>ADULT #1</b>	<b>ADULT #2</b>
<b>Community Action</b>		
<b>Festivals</b>		
<b>Lifelong Learning</b>		
<b>Marketing &amp; Communications</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
<b>Shabbat</b>		
<b>Social Activities</b>		

**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: \* Steering Committee Members**

**Community Action** – **Linda Busch\*** and **Faith Fuerst\*** [community.action@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:community.action@kehilatchaverim.org)

Organizes community outreach efforts, 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 **Sheila Mascolo\*** [festivals@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto: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, Purim plays and costume parties, Passover recipe tastings, creative seder ideas, paint your own pottery to create original Seder items.

**Lifelong Learning** -- **Andrea Levy\*** [lifelong.learning@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:lifelong.learning@kehilatchaverim.org)

Organizes and facilitates diverse programs for the membership. Activities have included salons at which members discuss such topics as current events, Jewish identity, and books of interest. Presents educational programs and outings related to Jewish history and culture.

**Marketing & Communications** – **Dan Haar\*** [communications@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:communications@kehilatchaverim.org)

Plans and publishes the bi-monthly newsletter. Determines content of the newsletter and website. Researches, writes, and edits articles pertaining to Judaism, members, and the larger Jewish community. Develops special projects 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** – **Sandra Zlokower\*** and **Sue Garten\*** [membership@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:membership@kehilatchaverim.org)

Helps integrate new members and updates the annual membership list. Maintains information on referrals and resources for life-cycle events. Responds to and provides support for members as needed. Coordinates the Annual Fall Membership Meeting.

**Shabbat** –**Susan Doran\*** and **Marty Kapper\*** [shabbat@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:shabbat@kehilatchaverim.org)

Coordinates Shabbat services, usually monthly in members' homes sometimes combined with a Jewish holiday that KC celebrates as a group. Determines 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. As needed for COVID-19 safety, services may be held on ZOOM.

**Social Activities** –**Laura Pels\*** [social.activities@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:social.activities@kehilatchaverim.org)

Creates fun experiences to deepen fellowship and to provide opportunities for group friendship. Events have included theater outings to Playhouse on Park, sports events (Yard Goats), museum trips, a visit to the Yiddish Book Center and celebrating KC milestone anniversaries.

## **Administration:**

- **Steering Committee Administration** -- Ellen Coffey\*
- **Membership Administration** – Nancy Malley\*
- **Treasurer** -- Nancy Malley\*
- **Emails to Membership** – Nancy Malley\* [info@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:info@kehilatchaverim.org)
- **External Inquiries** (contact for public and prospective members) – Karen Dworski\*  
[info@kehilatchaverim.org](mailto:info@kehilatchaverim.org)
- **Website manager** - Bob Abraham

## **Ad Hoc groups:**

- **High Holidays** – Sue Garten\*
- **GHIAA** (Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance) - open