



## **Kehilat Chaverim**

*A welcoming cooperative where Judaism is celebrated*

### **Kehilat Chaverim invites you to join us for the 2020-2021 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. The group's over-arching goal continues to be providing 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.

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 11-13 people. The group comprises approximately 70 households and welcomes Jewish, interfaith, and LGBT 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 and the dues have remained unchanged for at least 20 years. Because dues are our main\* source of income, the Steering Committee has made the decision to neither lower nor raise dues for the coming year. However, if anyone is not in a position to pay all or some of the dues, please know that accommodations can and will be made.

\*The other source of income has been High Holiday services, which this year will mostly be held virtually because of the effects of COVID-19. You will note that the fees for High Holiday services have been reduced.



## 2020-2021 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 \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Young adults (13 and over)</u>	<u>Children under 13</u>
_____ Age _____	_____ Age _____
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**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 Payments are due by AUGUST 30**

**Pay and select your committee choice on the PayPal option from our website, 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

***What are your committee preferences?***

Please consider trying a different committee this year.  
People on the mailing list are also 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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		
Community, Education and Culture		
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 \_\_\_\_\_



## **2020-2021 Committees**

### **Jewish Life**

#### *Festivals– Ellen Coffey\* 860 519-5662 and Harriet Winograd\* 860 869-1921*

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 a guest speaker on creative seder ideas, and gatherings at the paint your own pottery studio to create original Seder plates and Elijah’s/Miriam’s cups.

#### *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\* 860 463-5425 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, Education and Culture - Karen Harrington\*860 233-3479 and Sue Garten\*860 798-5938*

The focus of this committee is to organize and facilitate diverse programs for the membership. Pop up Salons with an average attendance of 16 KC members have focused on current events, Jewish identity and other thought provoking topics such as a discussion on the book Being Mortal.

#### *Community Action – Robin Kriesberg\* 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

**PLEASE NOTE: Committee meetings and social gatherings during the coming year will follow COVID-appropriate distancing guidelines and food will not be served.**