



Kehilat Chaverim

A welcoming cooperative where Judaism is celebrated

Kehilat Chaverim invites you to join us for the 2015-2016 year.

Thanks to an all-volunteer group, we keep our dues structure affordable. A fundamental precept is the requirement that our members design, organize, staff, and run all of our programs. 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. The group comprises nearly 80 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, Monthly Sabbath Services, Youth Education and Activities, 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.

This year, we will 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 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



2015-2016 Committee Responsibilities

Jewish Life

Youth Education and Bar/Bat Mitzvah – Laura Pels* 860-667-1628

Is working to reestablish a Sunday School for the coming year and welcomes your involvement. Helps plan and involve middle and high school students in community action projects, Jewish festivals and more. Helps families with overall bar/bat mitzvah planning, including development of the service, logistics of the event, and general problem solving. Members create workshops and serve as coaches to bar/bat mitzvah youth.

Festivals & Social Activities – Janet Abel* 860-236-5594 and Ellen Coffey* 860-519-5662

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 – Sandy Voice* 860-232-6399 and Susan Doran 860-521-8699

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

High Holidays (Ad Hoc Committee) – Sue Garten* 860- 233-0676 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

Membership Support and Life Cycle – Maggie Cohen 860 916-9966 and Andrea Levy* 860 523-1336

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.

Education/Culture –Sue Garten 860- 233-0676* and Hila Yanai 860-657-9396

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

Community Action – Clarissa Basch* 860-217-0317 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.

Task Force on Community Engagement – Deanne Shapiro* 860 236-0238 Eric Hammerling* 860 335-0812

Focuses on building and reinforcing the connections among members, between members and Kehilat Chaverim, and between Kehilat Chaverim and the broader Jewish and non-Jewish 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.

Through this focus on engagement, we’ll seek to learn more about members’ interests and needs, how we can respond to them by bringing people together around these similar concerns, needs, and interests, and how we can strengthen Kehilat Chaverim as a community, by creating “communities within our community” of membership connections and relationships. We’ll also continue our ongoing dialogue with other community organizations like the Mandell JCC and “Big Tent Judaism” (a national initiative focused on congregational revitalization and sustainability) to increase our visibility and our relationships with other groups as part of the larger Jewish community.

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



2015-2016 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 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 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)

_____ Age _____
 _____ Age _____

Children under 13

_____ 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 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.

Please 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 with separate checks.



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.

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.

COMMITTEE	ADULT #1	ADULT #2
Administration	n/a	n/a
Communication		
Community Action		
Education/Culture		
Festivals/Social		
Membership Support/Life Cycles		
Shabbat		
Youth Education		
Task Force on Community Engagement (Ad Hoc)		

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: _____

Email: _____