

# kehillah

## SYNAGOGUE

Shalom! Welcome to Kehillah Synagogue. We hope that you will take an active part in your new community and find joy and inspiration through your connection here. We look forward to getting to know you!

Below are different ways that Kehillah members can get involved.

- **Learning Jewishly.** We have an engaging Adult Education program and excellent Religious School and Preschool programs. Shabbat services and holiday celebrations always welcome interactive learning and discussion.
- **Volunteering your time.** Volunteering is a great way to become involved, meet new people, develop friendships, and make a difference in the community. From baking hamantashen on Purim to bringing your voice to the Social Action Committee to substituting in the religious school, we have a volunteer activity to fit your interests and your availability.

While the activities above are voluntary and help enhance your experience with the Kehillah, being a member also comes with responsibilities that help us sustain and build community. As part of your membership, we ask that you participate in the following:

- **Being part of our LovingKindness Circle.** By performing simple acts of kindness for each other -- dropping off a warm meal, making a phone call, or sending a card -- we ensure that even during challenging times we are not alone. By volunteering, you strengthen community, help another in need, and enrich your own life. If you need assistance, please let us know. Receiving support is a way of giving too!
- **Hosting Oneg/Kiddush once or more a year.** There are few sweeter mitzvot than providing a communal meal for enjoyment on Shabbat and holiday celebrations. We anticipate that your participation in this mitzvah will be a rewarding experience for you and an opportunity to connect through food.
- **Contributing financially.** Your membership commitment and builders' fund fees make Kehillah possible. *Kehillah is committed to welcoming all those who want to be members, regardless of financial situation. Those who need a dues adjustment should contact Mary Lawrence, CEO.*
- **COVID Support:** COVID has impacted all of our lives. It has disrupted our religious and preschools, it has changed the way we hold Shabbat services and B'nei Mitzvah. It has not and will not change our commitment to our members. Please consider making a donation to help us recover.

For more information contact Mary Lawrence, CEO, at (919) 338-2696

## Membership Application

Family Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street/city/state/zip)

How did you hear about Kehillah? Please circle all that apply.

Friend      Family Member      Jewish Federation of Durham/Chapel Hill      Web  
Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you joining Kehillah? Please check all that apply.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some of my friends are members             | <input type="checkbox"/> It was the closest synagogue              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I agree with Kehillah's values             | <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy Shabbat Services                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy holiday and other community events | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbinic Services                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To join a Reconstructionist Synagogue      | <input type="checkbox"/> To enroll my children in Religious School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To receive ritual services                 | <input type="checkbox"/> To purchase a cemetery plot               |

### What do Kehillah members love about their community?

*"What do I love about Kehillah? Many things: Rabbi Jen who always knows what to say and inspires me with her wisdom; our members which make up our sincerely welcoming & caring community; and experiencing its growth over the last 20 years!"*

- Beth Rosenberg



*"Early in my marriage, I came to realize how important it is to be proud of our Jewish heritage and infuse it into the community. Children learn by osmosis. Being surrounded by Jewish values, especially at Kehillah, our offspring come to better understand why their birthright helps them better formulate their values, culture, and philosophy of life."*

- Diana Braunstein

*"From Gerry's older children becoming bnei mitzvah, to our marriage in the sanctuary last year, to the birth of our son this spring, the Kehillah joins us in celebration of life's most joyous milestones through the generations. It is a welcoming place that draws people across a wide range of Jewish experience and perspective. Rabbi Jen is a loving and inspirational spiritual leader."*

- Dara Bloom & Gerry Cohn and son, Leo



**Adult #1:** Miss Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_ bat/ben \_\_\_\_\_  
(your Hebrew name) (son/daughter of) (parents' Hebrew names)  
Marital Status: S M D W P (partnered) Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Add my work/personal email to Kehillah weekly announcements: Y N  
Jewish: Y N Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah portion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name/relationship) (phone number)

**Adult #2:** Miss Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hebrew name: \_\_\_\_\_ bat/ben \_\_\_\_\_  
(your Hebrew name) (son/daughter of) (parents' Hebrew names)  
Marital Status: S M D W P (partnered) Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name/relationship) (phone number)

**Children**

	1.	2.	3.
Full Name:			
Hebrew Name:	_____	_____	_____
Birth Date:	_____	_____	_____
Gender:	_____	_____	_____
School or Occupation:	_____	_____	_____
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date:	_____	_____	_____
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Portion:	_____	_____	_____
Personal Email:	_____	_____	_____
Cell Phone:	_____	_____	_____

**Deceased Family Members (Yahrzeits):**

Full Name	Relationship	English Date or Hebrew Date (month/day/year)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Are you related to other members of Kehillah Synagogue?    Y    N**

Full Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____

## Volunteering and Experience

**Being part of our LovingKindness Circle is an expectation of membership.** Please check which of the following responsibilities you intend to fulfill:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly coordinator (communicates with family about needs, posts needs to Lotsa Helping Hands site, supports volunteers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sending Mazel Tov, get well, or condolence cards     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare or purchase meals  | <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up or clean up refreshments at Shiva minyan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver meals  | <input type="checkbox"/> Help to make a Shiva minyan                          |

Sign up here: <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/kehillah-synagogue>

**Professional and Occupational Expertise:** Please check all that apply to you and your family.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Accounting                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology and IT      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Attorney                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Medicine    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Public Relations/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Administration               | <input type="checkbox"/> Audiovisual Production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development and Fundraising            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____           |

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We sometimes need a little extra help. Please check your area/s of interest.

Show me the kitchen!

- Cooking food for community events
- Hosting Oneg/Kiddush in a pinch
- Event Setup & Cleanup

I'm pretty handy!

- Gardening/yard work
- Handiwork or maintenance
- Painting, plumbing, electrical, heavy lifting

I'm a people person!

- Calling new members to welcome them
- Inviting a new family for dinner
- Helping with social action projects
- Photography at events

I like specific tasks!

- Ushering/preparing for High Holidays
- Helping with fundraising events
- Assisting with mailings
- Graphic design and copywriting

I like ritual!

- Shabbat and Holiday services
- Shiva Minyan
- Chanting Haftarah and/or Torah
- Chevra Kaddisha (preparing the body for burial)

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Commitment

### Step 1: Choose your commitment

- A. **Membership Commitment (Dues):** Please select one of the following. Dues: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$2300 – Basic Dues
  - \$3600 – Double Chai
  - \$5400 – Triple Chai
- B. **Kehillah Builder's Fund:** Please check one of the following. Builder's Fund: \_\_\_\_\_
- I am paying \$1200 for 3 years.
  - I would like an adjusted payment plan.
  - I have completed my Builder's Fund commitment of \$3600.
- C. **Meal Hosting:** All families are required to host a date or opt out by contributing a fee of \$125. Hosting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, I can host an Oneg or Kiddush Luncheon.
  - I cannot host a date, but I will contribute the fee of \$125.

### Step 2: Total and Billing Options

Please indicate your total donation from above. Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- One annual payment.
- Quarterly payments (July, October, January, April).
- Monthly payments (July through June).

*\*Note: The total payment amount will be divided by the months left in the fiscal year (July through June) when form is returned.*

### Step 3: Choose a Payment Option

- Check
- Bank Draft (please call the office if your ACH has changed)
- Credit Card (please call the office to set up)
- Stock transfer (please call the office to set up)

### Step 4: Sign, date, and return (by July 31<sup>st</sup>)

Family Name/s : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU for making Kehillah a welcoming, vibrant community!