

# 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.
- **Being part of our LovingKindness Circle.** By performing simple acts of kindness for each other -- preparing a warm meal, making a phone call, or offering a ride to the doctor -- 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.
- **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:

- **Contributing financially.** Your membership commitment and builders' fund fees make Kehillah possible. Due to our membership's collective generosity, we have a building to call home, strong Jewish educational options, a myriad of social and religious programs, weekly Shabbat morning services, and 1st and 3rd Friday evening services. *Kehillah is committed to welcoming all those who want to be members, regardless of financial situation. Those who need a dues adjustment should contact Jonathan Cohen, Executive Director, or ask to be contacted. Adjustments are made on an individual basis.*
- **Hosting Oneg/Kiddush once or more a year.** There are a 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.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jonathan Cohen, Exec. Dr. at (919) 338-2696 or [jonathan@kehillahsynagogue.org](mailto:jonathan@kehillahsynagogue.org)

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### Family Information

Family last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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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Bar/Bat Mitzvah portion: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name/relationship) (phone number)

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| 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 (Yarzheits): |              |                               |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Full Name                            | Relationship | English Date (month/day/year) |
| _____                                | _____        | _____                         |
| _____                                | _____        | _____                         |
| _____                                | _____        | _____                         |

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

| Full Name | Relationship |
|-----------|--------------|
| _____     | _____        |

**1. How did you hear about Kehillah?**

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

**2. 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"/> I like the Rabbi.                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to join a Reconstructionist Synagogue. | <input type="checkbox"/> In order to enroll my children in Religious School. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In order to receive ritual services.          | <input type="checkbox"/> In order to purchase a cemetery plot.               |

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## Membership Commitment

### Step 1: Choose your commitment

A. **Membership Commitment (Dues):** Please select one of the following.

- \$2625 – Basic Dues
- \$3600 – Double Chai
- \$5400 – Triple Chai

Membership Commitment:

\_\_\_\_\_

B. **Additional Support:** In addition to membership commitment.

- Religious School tuition
- Preschool tuition

Additional Support:

\_\_\_\_\_

C. **Kehillah Builder's Fund:** Please check one of the following.

- I am paying \$1200 for 3 years.
- I would like an adjusted payment plan.
- I have completed my Builder's Fund commitment of \$3600.

Builder's Fund:

\_\_\_\_\_

D. **Kiddush Sponsorship:** This \$200 donation is in lieu of hosting a date.

*\*All families are required to host a date or opt out by sponsoring.*

Kiddush Sponsorship:  
\$\_\_\_\_\_

E. **Security Fee:** \$180 assessment for 2024-2025 fiscal

Security Fee \$180

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### Step 2: Total and Billing Options

Please indicate your total donation from above.

Total:

\_\_\_\_\_

- One annual payment. Checks only.
- Quarterly payments (Jul, Oct, Jan, Apr). Auto bank draft or credit cards only.
- Monthly payments (Jul – Jun). Auto bank draft only.  
*Note: # payments will be divided by the months left in the fiscal year (Jul – Jun) when form is returned.*

### Step 3: Choose a Payment Option

- Check (annual billing only)
- Automatic Bank Draft (please attach a voided check)
- Automatic Credit Card (please call the office to set up)
- Stock transfer (form will be emailed)

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*THANK YOU* for making Kehillah such a warm, vibrant community!

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## Skills and Interests

### **Kehillah Committees**

Please circle the committee(s) in which you're interested in serving to help strengthen our community. Committee service generally includes monthly meetings and helping do the work of the committee.

|                  |                       |          |                              |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Adult Education  | LovingKindness Circle | Cemetery | Preschool Strategic Planning |
| Fundraising      | Membership            | Ritual   | Governance                   |
| Religious School | Preschool             | Finance  |                              |

### **Do you have specific hobbies, skills, or talents that you can share with our community?**

|                                 |                         |                           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Accounting                      | Computers/IT/Data Entry | Legal Advice              |
| Marketing/Publicity/Comms       | Writing/Editing         | Jewish Cooking            |
| Hebrew                          | Teaching Preschool      | Teaching Religious School |
| Tutoring B'nei Mitzvah Students | Judaic Art/Crafts       |                           |
| Other: _____                    |                         |                           |

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We sometimes need a little extra help. Please indicate if you are interested in the following.

#### Show me the kitchen!

- Cooking food or helping those who are ill
- Cooking food for community events
- Organizing the kitchen
- Hosting Oneg/Kiddush in a pinch

#### 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 advocacy projects
- Helping with social action projects
- Assisting with mailings and newsletter
- Photography at events
- Ticketing at events
- Set up/clean up at events

#### I like specific tasks!

- Organizing the library
- Ushering/preparing for High Holidays
- Helping with fundraising events
- Helping with security

#### I like ritual!

- Leading Shabbat and Holiday services
- Leading a Shiva Minyan
- Chanting Haftarah
- Chanting Torah
- Participating in a Yartzheit Minyan
- Chevra Kaddisha (preparing the body for burial)