



חברי צדק Chevrei Tzedek

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in Chevrei Tzedek.

Chevrei Tzedek is a Conservative synagogue located in Baltimore, Maryland. We're an informal, participatory and egalitarian community affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Services are held on Shabbat mornings and Jewish holidays at the Edward A. Myerberg Center, 3101 Fallstaff Road, in Baltimore City. In addition to worship services, we sponsor activities in the areas of Jewish education, social action, children/youth and congregational programs. Please visit our website, www.chevreitzedek.org, for a calendar of events and additional information.

We invite you to experience the Chevrei Tzedek difference by joining us at services or events. If you decide that Chevrei Tzedek is the congregation for you, an application form is attached for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of Chevrei Tzedek's officers (www.chevreitzedek.org/contacts.html) or Membership Chair Jim Zelaya, 410.653.3867 or chevreitzedek@chevreitzedek.org. We look forward to welcoming you to Chevrei Tzedek.

Elissa Hozore, President

Jim Zelaya, Membership Chair

CHEVREI TZEDEK – WHO WE ARE

Chevrei Tzedek is a small (about 95 families) egalitarian Conservative synagogue. Our congregation's guiding principles are *Tefilah* (prayer), *Talmud Torah* (study) and *Tikkun Olam* (mending the world). We practice these principles through our religious observances, education programs and social action activities. Chevrei Tzedek recognizes men and women as equal partners in commitment and exercise of religion. Women are counted as part of the *minyan* and participate in all aspects of worship.

Our small size and commitment to creating a warm, inspiring community creates an ideal environment for making friends and knowing people on a first name basis. We pray, study and celebrate together as a community. Life cycle events are unique and enjoyed among other Chevrei Tzedek members who know you and worship with you regularly.

Chevrei Tzedek is founded on valuing participation over passivity. Membership involvement drives every aspect of Chevrei Tzedek. Services are not a spectator sport. Members run services, Shabbat discussions and divrei torah, and all other synagogue programs. We are delighted to work with new members who wish to increase their abilities to participate fully in services, including leading prayers and reading Torah. Members also administer the synagogue, including service set up and other logistics and create and run all programs. Each adult is encouraged to get involved in synagogue operations by serving on at least one committee and/or committing to at least one ongoing synagogue task. Membership responsibilities also include sponsoring one Kiddush a year. All B'nai Mitzvah families are required to sponsor Kiddush on the day of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

We run children's Shabbat and holiday programs with junior congregation services and baby-sitting. Many congregants send their children to Jewish day school or, through special arrangements with reduced fees, a religious school affiliated with another congregation. Consistent with United Synagogue Policy, Chevrei Tzedek requires our children to have a minimum of six years of Jewish education to celebrate their becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Please visit www.chevreitzedek.org for more information on our principles and philosophy, history, policies, committees and programs.

OUR RABBI

Rabbi Avram Israel Reisner joined us in August 2005. Rabbi Reisner is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Baltimore Hebrew University has a PhD in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and an MA in bioethics. He served as senior editor of the 2003 version of *Siddur Sim Shalom*.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

As part of membership dues, we provide High Holiday tickets for adults and dependent children 13 years and older. Members get High Holiday tickets for friends and family at a substantial discount.

DUES

Please contact Jim Zelaya regarding our dues structure. Recognizing that our future leaders may not have yet established themselves financially, we offer reduced fees for younger families and singles.

CONGREGATION CHEVREI TZEDEK

Membership Application

Please return your completed application to:

Chevrei Tzedek
Edward A. Myerberg Center
3101 Fallstaff Road
Baltimore, MD 21209
Attention Treasurer

Conserve paper! Please print this out double-sided if possible.

Date: ____/____/____

Membership types are listed on the last page of this application.

Adult #1 _____ Sex _____
First Name M.I. Last Name M or F

Adult #2 _____ Sex _____
First Name M.I. Last Name M or F

Mailing Address (How we should address mail to your household)

Name(s) with titles (Mr., Ms., Dr., Rabbi, etc.)

Street Address

City, Street, Zip

Home Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Marital Status (check one)

Single ___ Married ___ Widowed ___ Partners ___ Divorced or legally separated ___

Previous synagogue affiliation: _____

Are you planning a bar/bat mitzvah in the next 4 years? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Comments or questions: _____

INFORMATION FOR ADULT #1

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ e-mail address _____

Occupation _____

Hebrew Name _____ Father's _____ Mother's _____

Willing to lead services? Yes ___ No ___ (check all that apply):

Davening ___ Chanting Haftorah ___ Chanting Torah ___ D'var Torah ___ Gabbai

I would like to learn how to do any of the above service leadership roles: _____

I am interested in the following committees/projects (check any that apply):

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Adult Education ___ | Finance/Fund Raising ___ | Ritual ___ |
| B'nei Mitzvah ___ | Human Resources ___ | Social Action ___ |
| High Holidays ___ | Israel Affairs ___ | Strategic Planning ___ |
| Communications ___ | Membership ___ | Database ___ |
| Family Activities ___ | Mitzvah ___ | Need more info ___ |

INFORMATION FOR ADULT #2

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ e-mail address _____

Occupation _____

Hebrew Name _____ Father's _____ Mother's _____

Davening ____ Chanting Haftarah ____ Chanting Torah ____ D'var Torah ____ Gabbai _____

I would like to learn how to do any of the above service leadership roles: _____

I am interested in the following committees/projects (check any that apply):

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adult Education ____ | Finance/Fund Raising ____ | Ritual ____ |
| B'nei Mitzvah ____ | Human Resources ____ | Social Action ____ |
| High Holidays ____ | Israel Affairs ____ | Strategic Planning ____ |
| Communications ____ | Membership ____ | Database ____ |
| Family Activities ____ | Mitzvah ____ | Need more info ____ |

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

Child #1 _____ Sex _____
First Name M.I. Last Name M or F

Hebrew Name: _____ Prefers to be called: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade last September: _____

Religious education: _____ Year enrolled: _____

Is this child's mother Jewish? _____

Child #2 _____ Sex _____
First Name M.I. Last Name M or F

Hebrew Name: _____ Prefers to be called: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade last September: _____

Religious education: _____ Year enrolled: _____

Is this child's mother Jewish? _____

Child #3 _____ Sex _____
First Name M.I. Last Name M or F

Hebrew Name: _____ Prefers to be called: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade last September: _____

Religious education: _____ Year enrolled: _____

Is this child's mother Jewish? _____

Child #4 _____ Sex _____
First Name M.I. Last Name M or F

Hebrew Name: _____ Prefers to be called: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade last September: _____

Religious education: _____ Year enrolled: _____

Is this child's mother Jewish? _____

CONGREGATION CHEVREI TZEDEK

Membership Categories

- Please contact Jim Zelaya regarding our dues before completing your application
- Memberships include High Holiday Tickets, except where noted.
- Reduced fees for younger families and singles reflect our recognition that our future leaders may not have yet established themselves financially.

| Membership Type | Dues | Selection (X) |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Young families from 20-30 | | |
| Singles from 20-30 | | |
| Young families 31-40 | | |
| Singles 31-40 | | |
| Families over 40 | | |
| Singles over 40 | | |
| Single parent family over 40 | | |
| Associate (No High Holiday Tickets) | | |
| Senior citizens Please call the treasurer at 410-542-9110 | Negotiable | |

_____ Annual dues in the amount of _____ are enclosed.

_____ Enclosed is my/our first quarterly installment of membership dues (25% of annual dues). Please bill the balance in quarterly installments.

I/We hereby apply for membership in Chevrei Tzedek. I/We agree to contribute annual membership dues as they are set each year, unless special arrangements have been made with the treasurer of the congregation.

I/We agree to abide by the policies of Chevrei Tzedek as established by its members and Coordinating Committee and by its religious practices as defined by the Rabbi, the Chevrei Tzedek Ritual Committee and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Date

Signed

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