



Kol Haverim

The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism

Affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism

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Dear Friends,

As I write this, the sun is shining on a warm Ithaca afternoon, and around me are the telltale signs of a new year starting up again — nervous and eager students exploring the sights and sounds of Ithaca, children buying clean new notebooks and sharpened pencils, and residents reconnecting with each other after time away on vacations and holidays. With the approach of autumn, the new school year begins, the Jewish New Year awaits, and my second year as Chairperson of Kol Haverim gets underway. I look forward to continuing to serve our Community this year, as we look ahead to another year of events, activities, and programs.

As you know, we are a very small group attempting to do a lot of different things. It's impressive that as small as we are, we are celebrating holidays, running a cultural Sunday School, having monthly Shabbat programs, doing Community Service projects, and getting involved in Social Action endeavors. We love all the things we do! But at the same time, the group is feeling the constraints of our small size, and we need the involvement of new people to be able to keep doing all the things we value.

At our Annual Meeting in June, we agreed that our primary goal this year must be to increase our Membership. Those members who gathered together on that Sunday afternoon brainstormed different ways that we can help Kol Haverim both to grow in size and to develop stronger bonds as a community. We came up with a kind of “wish list” for things we could do to move us in this direction, and this year, the Board hopes to dedicate itself to these tasks, with your help. It will, indeed, take all of us working together to realize these goals. That in itself will help to further our interconnections, and make us stronger as a community. I am very excited about the new possibilities before us, and invite all of you to be a part of it, whether by telling your friends and colleagues about us, bringing friends along with you to our holiday celebrations and Shabbat programs, coordinating an activity, or volunteering to help with an event.

Our kick-off event this year is a special one, as we will be hosting a visitor from the Society for Humanistic Judaism, our national umbrella organization. Harriet Maza, Education Director of SHJ, will be joining us for a weekend of activities, September 16-18, and I hope you will plan to join us for one of the public events; you will find the announcement about her visit inside this newsletter. Following Harriet's visit, in October we will celebrate Rosh Hashanah, this year back at Lifelong. These two events provide us with opportunities to spend time together in celebration of our Jewish identities, and to make tangible that sense of community that Kol Haverim strives to foster.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Shalom Haverim

Stacia Zabusky

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You can find information about joining Kol Haverim at www.kolhaverim.net, or you can call 607- 257-4231 and ask to have a membership form mailed to you.

UPCOMING KOL HAVERIM HOLIDAY AND PROGRAM EVENTS

September 2005

PLEASE JOIN US ON TWO SEPTEMBER EVENINGS TO TALK ABOUT RITUAL AND EDUCATION IN THE LIVES OF HUMANISTIC JEWS

What: visit from Harriet Maza, Education Associate of SHJ

When: evenings of **September 16 and 17**

Where: Lifelong, 119 W. Court Street, Ithaca

Cost: free

As an affiliate congregation of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, Kol Haverim is able to benefit from the expertise of the professional staff associated with SHJ. In past years, we have hosted visits from Bert Steinberg, Rabbi Miriam Jerris, and madrikha Barbara Brandt. This year we will be hosting Harriet Maza, the Education Associate for the Society for Humanistic Judaism. In addition to meeting with the Sunday School Committee and the Sunday School teachers for a special training and planning session, Harriet will be joining us at two evening events that promise to be thought-provoking and exciting; we welcome all of you to attend both evenings at Lifelong.

Friday, September 16, 6-9pm: a Shabbat program for members and friends of KH with special guest Harriet Maza. We will begin with a short Shabbat service, and then enjoy a potluck dinner together. At 7:30, Harriet will facilitate an open discussion on "Ritual in Humanistic Judaism." This open discussion will give members a chance to express their thoughts, feelings, wishes, and dreams about holiday and life cycle rituals and how we can celebrate them in a way that honors our humanistic values and Jewish identities. Harriet has a lot of experience creating holiday family service programs that include the participation of young people as well as adults, and she has visited many other SHJ affiliate congregations and is familiar with the wide variety of rituals and services that other groups have come up with. After sharing with us her particular philosophy, she will open the floor to all participants to share their thoughts. Child care will be provided during the discussion following the potluck dinner.

Saturday, September 17, 7-9:30pm: public presentation on "How to Raise a Humanistic Jewish Child." Harriet Maza's presentation will focus on how to bring together a celebration of Jewish as "one of the passions of my life." A former high school English and journalism teacher, she is the Education Associate for the culture and identity with an adherence to humanistic values and ideas as we educate and nurture our children and teens. Harriet will address such questions as: How can Humanistic Jewish parents help their children understand and respect the values and traditions of their forebears without feeling compelled to agree with all the beliefs and practices of past generations? How do they offer them a form of Judaism that will sustain them and grow with them throughout their lives? Harriet's enthusiasm for teaching young people how to be true Jewish Humanists is contagious, and her wisdom on the beauty and power of humanistic Judaism is sure to inspire the whole community. The presentation will be followed by a dessert reception

and an opportunity to meet and speak with Harriet. Child care will be provided during the presentation.

Harriet describes Humanistic Judaism as her "personal philosophy" and Society for Humanistic Judaism. Over the last 33 years, she has served as the Sunday School principal and teacher at the Birmingham Temple in Michigan, and she is responsible for developing much of the curricula for the school. She worked closely with our first Sunday School director, Harry Segal, as Harry developed the Sunday School for Kol Haverim five years ago. Harriet is also a past recipient of a national Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Award (1993) for "outstanding contributions to journalism education in the nation."

For more information on Harriet's visit, and/or to reserve a space for child care, please contact Stacia at 277-7949, or chair@kolhaverim.net.

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

October 2005

We have a full calendar this fall, with no fewer than 4 holiday celebrations in October.

Our **Rosh Hashanah** service will be held at LifeLong this year the on evening of **Monday, October 3**. This adult-oriented service will start at 7:00 PM, and will be followed by a dessert pot-luck. We ask that attendees with last names beginning with the letters A-M bring a dessert or fruit, and attendees with last names beginning with the letters N-Z bring a savory snack or finger-food. The cost for the October 3 event is \$10 for members (free for all-inclusive members), \$15 for non-members and \$8 for students. Childcare will be available. Children costs for members: 18 months to 10 years, \$5 with childcare and \$3 without; and for non-members: 18 months to 10 years, \$10 with childcare and \$8 without. Please contact Jonathan Joseph at jj21@cornell.edu or 277-9744 to confirm a childcare space for your child or children.

There will also be a special children's **Rosh Hashanah** service on **Sunday, October 9**, from 11am to 1pm at 4-H Acres on Lower Creek Rd. The cost for the children's service is \$3 per child for members, \$6 per child for non-members, free to those with all-inclusive memberships (accompanying parents are free).

Our traditional break-the-fast **Yom Kippur** service will be held on the evening of **Thursday, October 13** from 6 to 9pm. The evening will start with a time for reflection and discussion followed by a pot-luck meal and will be held at a member's home. You need not have fasted to join us though. The service is free for members and there is a \$3 charge for non-members. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Jonathan Joseph (jj21@cornell.edu, phone: 277-9744) if you would like to attend and to get directions.

Sukkot rounds out our October holiday extravaganza. This year, as in the past, we will have our Sukkot service at the picnic area at Little Tree Orchard in Newfield. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held inside the main building. The service will start at 11:00 am on **Saturday, October 22** and will be followed by a brown-bag picnic lunch and apple picking. This event is free to all.

November 2005

Friday, November 18, 2005, 6:00-9:00pm, Lifelong

Shabbat Program: As always, we will begin with a short Shabbat service, and then enjoy a potluck dinner together. The program from this evening is still being determined. Contact Mark at programs@kolhaverim.net for further information. Child care will be provided during the discussion following the potluck dinner.

December 2005

Friday December 9, 2005, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Lifelong

Shabbat Program Teresa Galloway and Brian Eden: "Introduction to Jewish Genealogy"

We will begin with a short Shabbat service, and then enjoy a potluck dinner together. At 7:30, Teresa and Brian will begin a presentation on methods and resources available to research your Jewish roots. More records are available than you might have thought! Come armed with questions and any leads you may have to who your ancestors were. Child care will be provided during the discussion following the potluck dinner. For more information, please contact Teresa at 272-7048, or school@kolhaverim.net

Looking ahead to December, **Hannukah** this year coincides with the week between Christmas and New Years, and we are still working out the details of planning for this Holiday. Last year, our Peace Hannukah celebration was a big success, and we hope to have a similar celebration this year, but it may occur prior to the actual Hannukah holiday. While our plans are not yet fixed, we do have the following dates reserved at LifeLong: **Saturday, December 18**, 11am-1pm (Peace Hannukah), **Friday, December 30**, 6-9pm (Hannukah family party). Depending on the availability and interest of the members, we may choose only one of these two dates. Please let us know how you would like to celebrate Hannukah this year. Or perhaps you'd like to help plan a Hannukah event. Please send comments to holidays@kolhaverim.net or call Jonathan at 277-9744.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Program Committee

The KH Program Committee has been planning a series of exciting and stimulating events for the next year. One program will feature an evening of music and singing. In addition, we will participate in a SHJ sponsored celebration of Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis. Next year will mark the hundred fiftieth anniversary of his birth. Details about these and other programs will be available on our website, www.kolhaverim.net.

~Mark Silverman

Social Action Committee

The Committee submitted two resolutions for action by the Board at the August 9th meeting. A request to join more than thirty-five other local organizations in sponsoring the Eyes Wide Open exhibit in Ithaca from Oct. 6-9, 2005 was passed unanimously. The exhibit, <http://www.afsc.org/eyes/>, memorializes the lives lost in the war in Iraq by displaying more than 1800 pairs of boots honoring U.S. military casualties as well as 1000 pairs of shoes representing Iraqi civilians killed in the conflict. A second resolution proposed that Kol Haverim become a member organization of Interfaith Impact of New York State. This organization addresses emerging public policies and their legislative implications for the values represented by faith communities. Specific issues addressed in the past were the separation of church and state, sexuality and reproductive choice, funding for public education, and hate crimes legislation. The resolution was withdrawn when some Board members expressed concern with the religious language in the organizations preamble such as "the Creator of all life", the "image of God," and the human race's "God-given destiny". It was proposed that we might co-sponsor events with the Interfaith Impact when an issue was of shared interest.

Several committee members and Kol Haverim friends participated during June and July in the unsuccessful efforts to preserve the Redbud Woods, the largest forested area on the West Campus of Cornell University from being converted to a parking lot. Thanks to Caren, Barbara, Abby, Elissa, Greg and Brian for supporting Cornell and community folks who maintained a seven-week vigil at the site.

~Brian Eden

Sunday School

Kol Haverim Sunday School is off to a great start this year! Our first day of classes was Sunday, September 4, and even with several students away for the holiday weekend, we still had 20 students in attendance, with more expected in the upcoming weeks. The school is now divided into four classes by grade level, and we have five terrific new energetic and motivated teachers: Ilana Papir (grade pre-K-1st), Risa Wolk (grade 2-3), Sarah Moskow (grade 4-5), Vivian Stone (grade 6-7) and Sophia Smith-Savedoff (music). Having a dedicated music teacher is a new step for us, and it is working out wonderfully. All students have a half hour of music and dance during the school day in addition to their regular class.

A group of parents had been working hard over the past year to redesign and develop our curriculum. The committee included: Barbara Behrmann, Kate Chason, Abby Cohn, Caren Cooper, Teresa Galloway, Jennifer Orleans, Donna Raymond, Robin Seletsky, and Stacia Zabusky. They have done a terrific job, and our students and teachers are reaping the rewards of their hard effort.

On Sunday, August 28th, the school held an Open House so that incoming students and families could check out the school, meet the teachers, and return registration materials. The Open House was a huge success, with over 40 people in attendance.

If you are interested in more information about our school, please contact Teresa Galloway, Sunday School Director, at school@kolhaverim.net.

~Teresa Galloway

PAST SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

Purim

On March 20th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Kol Haverim had its first Purim celebration, which was a great success. Purim festivities included a wonderful interactive performance led by Antal Spector-Zabusky and Kol Haverim Sunday schoolers, and directed by Mark Silverman. Antal orchestrated the performance in sorcerer's robes, fielding improvisational performances by the beautiful and ingenious Queen Esthers: Emily Fowler-Behrmann, Sarah Skrovan, and Rebecca Chason-McCarthy. An impassioned Haman was played by Colin, with a wise Mordechai played by Salamo Lax, and a regal Ahaseurus played by Natalia Lax. The audience members, supplied much noisemaking with graggers, boos, and cheers, as well as provocative questions that kept the performance spirited and lively, with everyone alert, engaged, and on their toes. Crowns were available and beautifully decorated and several members came in costume.

A delicious banquet was provided by participants. Special thanks to the superb hamantaschen bakers, without whom it would hardly have felt like Purim!!!

Rumor has it that 14 families consisting of 25 adults and 20 children plus infants participated in the event in one way or another, usually in more ways than one. A wonderful time was had by all and this was the beginning of what may well be a new Kol Haverim tradition.

So what is the story about... the triumph of Jews over adversity, the issues of navigation and negotiation of "otherness" in dominant cultures, and the wrath and vindictiveness that lack of expected deference and obsequiousness can unleash, not to mention issues of power relations and power negotiation in hierarchies, as well as issues of aesthetics and the sexes and of protocol between the sexes in ancient and not so ancient society. With re-reading, re-telling, and re-enacting, nuances of the story emerge that provide food for thought and discussion.

~Federica Manetti.

Collage Party

In early April, fifteen budding artists tried their hand at collage. The results of their efforts were quite impressive and everyone had lots of fun discovering a new talent.

~Barbara Eden

Passover 2005

Our Humanistic Passover celebration this year was held at Kendal of Ithaca on Saturday, April 30. This was the second year that we have had a catered meal for our Passover Seder rather than a pot-luck, and this new venue is proving to be very charming. While there was some remorse at the loss of the hominess of a pot-luck Seder, having the meal catered has made the logistics much easier, and the food this year was excellent.

About 65 attendees seated at round tables, enjoyed an afternoon filled with singing, food, wine and the telling of the story of Passover. The four questions were read by Hannalei Berg, Sarah Skrovan, Hannah Cohn-Manik and Hayley Segal, and the Afikomen was found by the sharp-eyed Matthew Skrovan. The music was provided by our resident musicians Carol Bloomgarden and Gordon Bonnet, with their band.

Though I missed the 2004 Seder, due to the arrival of our daughter Lily, I was pleased that our family was able to attend this year. We are looking forward to next year's Seder on April 15, 2006. Make sure and get your taxes done early.

-Jonathan Joseph



Passover Revelers



Listening to the Passover Story



Israelites



Passover Prizes

Yom HaShoah

Kol Haverim observed Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance, at a Shabbat evening on Friday, May 20. After our Shabbat service and a potluck dinner, Deirdre Silverman led a short humanistic service about the Holocaust and its impact. This was followed by a spirited discussion about when and how to talk to children about the Holocaust. The discussion included reflections on the Kol Haverim Sunday School, materials and projects used by other schools and Jewish groups. One conclusion from this evening is that Kol Haverim members need more opportunities for open discussions of this type.

~Deirdre Silverman

Community Service Day

On a Sunday afternoon early this spring more than twenty members of Kol Haverim were deputized into the Downtown Beautification Brigade. A day devoted to community service brought members together on the Ithaca Commons to lend a hand planting flowers. After a brief planting lesson teams of gardeners formed and made their way to the planters that line the center of the Commons walkway.

Many of the less experienced yet energetic gardeners who had spent the earlier part of the morning at the cultural Sunday School were coached by some of Kol Haverim's seasoned green thumbs. After several hours the many flats of flowers provided by the City of Ithaca were planted and well watered. Although deputy status expired by sundown, the efforts of the community service day have lasted through the summer.

~John Skrovan

Annual Meeting Highlights

The Kol Haverim Annual Meeting was held June 12 at Lifelong Center in downtown Ithaca. We had a reasonably good turn-out, although a number of families had out-of-town commitments that weekend that kept them away. We enjoyed time to socialize over a deli supper provided by KH, but also got through a good bit of business.

The meeting began with Committee Chairs giving a quick review of the past year's events and activities, including programs (Caren Cooper), holidays (Mark Silverman), community service (Jonathan Joseph), and social action (Brian Eden). It was great to be reminded of just how much our small group was able to accomplish during this productive year. Our new Sunday School Director, Teresa Galloway, gave a brief run-down of some of the changes that the Sunday School Committee is working on, including hiring all new teachers, developing a more codified curriculum, and also providing mentors for our B'Nei Mitzvah students as they develop their individual projects.

Two important business items requiring attention were the Proposed FY 2005-6 Budget and Dues and the election of new officers to the Board of Directors. The proposed budget included a slight increase in member dues, but also some new ideas, including discounts for first time members, and sibling discounts for children enrolled in the Sunday School. The membership passed the budget unanimously. As paper ballots were distributed for the election of Board officers, everyone was pleased to see that the slate of officers for the coming year included a Membership Committee Chair (Caren Cooper), a position that had been vacant this year. Everyone was also pleased when Jonathan Joseph volunteered to be a write-in candidate to head up the Holiday Committee. The new officers were elected unaninously.

A major agenda item was an open discussion about "Growing our Membership." We had a lively discussion, both about philosophical issues, such as how to make the group "stickier" by providing some community "glue" to keep us together, and about more nuts and bolts issues, including concrete ideas for marketing ourselves in the community. People acknowledged that one of the challenges facing us is our small size, and another is finding ways to combine "gluing" activities with "growth" activities. In the process of thinking through the challenges, those members present helped to generate many great ideas for the Board to review in the fall as the new programming year begins.

A final agenda item was the Presentation and Open Discussion of a proposal to change Article VI of the KH By-Laws pertaining to the process by which KH can make endorsements of political positions. This proposed change emerged as a response to the discussion at last year's Annual Meeting regarding the expression of political opinions through KH. A Board Ad Hoc Committee on Social Action met for the past year to develop these proposed changes. There was serious and honest discussion about the proposed By-Laws changes, with a variety of views articulated. The Ad Hoc Committee planned to review the comments generated by the discussion before sending a final ballot to the membership for a vote in July.

~ Stacia Zabusky

Membership Renewal

Autumn is here and it is time to renew your membership in Kol Haverim.

You should have received a membership renewal form in the mail. If not, you can print out a membership form at <www.kolhaverim.net/membership.shtml>.

The cost for the 2005-2006 year is as follows:

	Student Basic		Individual Basic		Individual All-Inclusive		Family Basic		Family All-Inclusive	
	1st-Time Member	Returning Member	1st-Time Member	Returning Member	1st-Time Member	Returning Member	1st-Time Member	Returning Member	1st-Time Member	Returning Member
National Dues	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
Local Dues	\$48	\$60	\$84	\$105	\$128	\$160	\$120	\$150	\$208	\$260
Total Dues	\$113	\$125	\$149	\$170	\$193	\$225	\$185	\$215	\$273	\$325

*All-Inclusive dues include admission to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Chanukah, and Passover celebrations for all members of the household.

Note: Membership in Kol Haverim includes membership in the national Society for Humanistic Judaism.

MEMBER NEWS

We have two births to celebrate:

Dee Thaler has a fourth grandchild, Alexa Lee, born to Greg and Olive Thaler on Dec 13, 2004, in San Francisco. Alexa joins her four-year-old sister, Julia.

Deirdre and Mark Silverman welcomed new grandson Samuel August Silverman (named after Mark's father), who was born in Silver Spring Maryland on March 21, 2005.

We extend our condolences to Sergey Lukin and Alla Lukina on the passing of Sergey's mother, Antonina Lukina, on July 16th, 2005 in Belarus.

MEMBER FORUM

Beyond Belief

by Caren Cooper

(originally published in the *Ithaca Journal*, June 2005)

When my husband and I were out shopping for a used car, one lot had the clever idea of advertising their "Used" cars as "Pre-Owned" to bring in more sophisticated customers. I've seen used clothing stores try the same strategy and advertise their wares as "pre-loved." I suspect this must be a Marketing 101 lesson: If a product name gets a bad connotation, then change the name.

The evangelical crowd is following this strategy too. When they realized that no one was buying Creationism anymore, they must have done some marketing research. They discovered that they can't debate the overwhelming evidence that the Earth is more than 6,000 years old and that species do change over time. Realizing that Creationism is a myth at odds with everything scientists know about the natural world, they chose a new strategy. They now argue that life and nature are too complex to have been created without an "intelligent designer." And to make it sound acceptable for the public school classroom, they called it Intelligent Design Theory.

No doubt Intelligent Design is a great religious revelation and maybe a supernatural authority does guide the processes we observe in nature. But you can never prove (or disprove) it, and so it is not actually a Theory or even a concept approachable with scientific inquiry. Scientific study encompasses the natural, not the supernatural. Clearly, Intelligent Design is just another gimmick to trick people into including religion in public science education.

The new name has worked and Intelligent Design Theory has now been sold to many people, including NY State Assembly member Daniel L. Hooker (R-Saugerties). Hooker just introduced a bill to mandate that the teaching of Intelligent Design and the teaching of evolution receive equal time in our New York state public schools. (His other bills reveal that his motive is not to improve science education, but to advance one religious viewpoint in the public sphere: one bill to allow the posting of the Ten Commandments on government property, another to deny protected status based on sexual orientation in civil rights cases, and a third to prohibit same-sex marriage).

No matter how you dress it up, Creationism and Intelligent Design are birds of the same religious feather. They have no reason to be in any science curriculum. Evolution is not equivalent to a religious belief; it is an accepted Theory, which is as credible as it gets in science. Evolution is such a well-established theory that it literally demonstrates its utility everyday in fields from botany to medicine. (Why do doctors advise against the overuse of antibiotics? Because drug-resistance evolves in bacteria). Science is our most reliable system for understanding the natural world. Religion is best for pondering a supernatural world.

Creationism or Intelligent Design or whatever fancy name you give it is simply a code word for bringing religion into the classroom.

This debate is not about whether there is or is not a God or Higher Power or an Intelligent Designer. The debate is about the separation of church and state, a principle in our Constitution that, please remember, works to safeguard the freedom of religious beliefs by keeping religion a private matter. When we maintain the separation of church and state, we make certain that our government does not abuse the religious liberty of some for the benefit of others.

Teaching evolution neither encourages nor denies students the belief that supernatural forces guide evolutionary processes. Our Constitution protects an individual's right to believe Intelligent Design, or any other religious viewpoint. Our Constitution also prevents religious interpretations from being taught as science in public schools. It should be our common goal to provide a competitive, high-quality education for every child. If the teaching of scientific inquiry is obscured by religious interpretations and supernatural causation, the United States will lose its place at the forefront of scientific contribution, and our Constitution will become 'Used' merchandise.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

**Join in a weekend of Friendship, learning, inspiration
SHJ Conference 2006**

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: We've been doing it for more than 40 years;
Let's do it for 40 more. Come, contribute, explore. Let's envision new ways of doing things
that may lead to growth in ways we have not yet imagined.

Friday-Sunday. April 28-April 30, 2006

Programs for adults, young adults and teens!!!! Post conference tour April 30-May 1

Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Hosted by Kahal B'raira Congregation

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Membership Dues and Renewal Form 2005-06

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Please indicate your membership options:

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> All-Inclusive	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Family		

My check for \$_____ is enclosed. (Make checks payable to Kol Haverim)

I would like to make an additional contribution to FLCHJ.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____

Let us know if you wish your funds to be directed in a specific way: _____

Name (Member #1) _____ Birthdate _____

Name (Member #2) _____ Birthdate _____

****For renewing members, please fill out the following sections if the pertinent information has changed****

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail _____

Is e-mail a good way to reach you for announcements? _____ yes _____ no

Children's Names _____

Birth Date _____

_____ Birth Date _____

_____ Birth Date _____

Date of Anniversary _____

Memorial Dates (Yahrzeits)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

Occupation (Member #1) _____

Occupation (Member #2) _____

Interests (Member #1) _____

Interests (Member #2) _____

As a small community attempting to offer many things, we depend on the involvement of our members. Please indicate which activities you would be willing to help with:

Committees

- Programs
- Holidays
- Membership
- Social Action
- Community Service
- Children's Education
- Adult Education

Organizational Needs

- Newsletter
- Rituals
- Publicity
- Fundraising
- Telephoning
- Other (please specify) _____

How did you learn about Kol Haverim? _____

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in learning more about Kol Haverim?

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

I do _____ do not _____ give Kol Haverim permission to share my name, address, phone number and E-mail address with other KH members.

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