



# חברי צדק Chevrei Tzedek

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in Chevrei Tzedek Congregation.

Chevrei Tzedek is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue located in Baltimore, Maryland. It is intimate, informal, participatory, and affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Services are held on Shabbat mornings and Jewish holidays at the Edward A. Myerberg Senior Center, 3101 Fallstaff Road. In addition to worship services, we sponsor activities in the areas of Jewish education, social action, family and youth programming.

The enclosed materials are designed to provide further information concerning our highly diverse community. Visit our website, [www.chevreitzedek.org](http://www.chevreitzedek.org) to get a calendar of events and additional information. Better yet, we invite you to experience the "Chevrei Tzedek difference" by joining us at services or events. A membership application is also enclosed should you decide that Chevrei Tzedek is the congregation for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the officers at the congregation. The list is available at [www.chevreitzedek.org/contacts.html](http://www.chevreitzedek.org/contacts.html).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Shalom,

Please send your application to:

Chevrei Tzedek Congregation.  
c/o Edward Myerberg Senior Center  
Attn: Treasurer

3101 Fallstaff Road.  
Baltimore, MD 21209  
410-542-9110

Membership Committee Contacts:

Jim Zelaya 410-653-3867  
Dan Appleby 410-653-3232

## CHEVREI TZEDEK – WHO WE ARE

Chevrei Tzedek is a small, participatory and egalitarian Conservative synagogue. We hold services Shabbat mornings and Jewish holidays at the Edward A. Myerberg Senior Center, 3101 Fallstaff Road.

Our synagogue was founded on the following principles: *Tefilah* (prayer), *Talmud Torah* (study) and *Tikkun Olam* (mending the world). We actively encourage the practice of these principles through our religious observances, education programs, and social action activities.

Chevrei Tzedek stresses the importance of an involved membership. Members are encouraged to actively participate in services and in the ongoing administration of the synagogue. As a requirement of membership, we ask each of our members to serve on at least one synagogue committee or to commit to an ongoing synagogue task.

Our congregation has approximately 96 membership families and runs children's Shabbat and holiday programs with junior congregation services and baby-sitting. Many of our congregants send their children to Jewish day school or a religious school affiliated with another congregation as we do not have our own religious school. Consistent with the 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 in our congregation.

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 RABBI

Rabbi Avram Israel Reisner joined us in August 2005, providing spiritual leadership in our study of Torah. Rabbi Reisner is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Baltimore Hebrew University has a Ph. D in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and an MA in bioethics. He has also served as senior editor of the 2003 version of Siddur "Sim Shalom". He provides us insight into Torah and issues affecting the Conservative Movement.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

Morning Shabbat Services	Traditional service followed by Kiddush. Make new friends!
Shabbat Limud	Abbreviated Shabbat service followed by an extended study or guest speaker on relevant issues. Offered several times a year.
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday night <i>Mincha</i> followed by dinner. Offered several times a year.
Holiday Services	All Jewish holidays observed.
Youth Activities	Noar Tzedek group for teenagers.
Brown Memorial Shelter	We sponsor dinner for the homeless shelter once a month. One or more member families may combine funds and food for the event.
Other Events	Family activities, Jewish Film Nights, Game Nights.

# CHEVREI TZEDEK – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## Benefits of Membership

1. Chevrei Tzedek is a warm, friendly, small community offering regular Shabbat and holiday services. The small size allows for:
  - a. easier ways to make friends and know members on a first name basis.
  - b. interactive discussion of Torah readings.
  - c. dedicated services for each B'nai Mitzvah celebration.
2. We provide family programming along with junior congregation services for our youth. Babysitting is also available.
3. We pray, study and celebrate together as a community.
4. We have an active social action program that offers many opportunities for *Tikkun Olam* (mending the world).
5. As part of membership dues, we provide High Holiday tickets for adults and dependent children 13 years and older.
6. Members get High Holiday tickets for friends and family for a substantial discount.

## Membership Responsibilities

1. As a participatory congregation, we encourage all members to become involved in all aspects of synagogue life and governance. Our members are encouraged to attend services regularly and to participate in synagogue events including our community meetings.
2. Each adult is encouraged to be involved in the operations of the synagogue by volunteering to serve on at least one committee or commit to at least one synagogue task.
3. Following each service our community gets together for Kiddush. We ask each membership unit to sponsor one Kiddush per year. Members may pair up to meet this obligation. All B'nai Mitzvah families are required to sponsor Kiddush on the day of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

# CONGREGATION CHEVREI TZEDEK

## Membership Application

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 \_\_\_

Is mother of children Jewish? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Previous synagogue affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning a bar/bat mitzvah in the next 4 years?: \_\_\_\_\_

Please help us evaluate our outreach efforts.

How did you hear about us?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments or questions: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INFORMATION FOR ADULT #1

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer Interests

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

Davening \_\_\_ Chanting Haftorah \_\_\_ Chanting Torah \_\_\_ D'var Torah \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to learn any of the above \_\_\_\_\_

Check any that applies :

Adult Education ___	Finance and Fund Raising ___	Ritual ___
B'nei Mitzvah ___	Human Resources ___	Social Action ___
Building ___	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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer Interests

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Davening \_\_\_ Chanting Haftorah \_\_\_ Chanting Torah \_\_\_ D'var Torah \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to learn any of the above \_\_\_\_\_

( Check any that applies ):

Adult Education ___	Finance and Fund Raising ___	Ritual ___
B'nei Mitzvah ___	Human Resources ___	Social Action ___
Building ___	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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# CONGREGATION CHEVREI TZEDEK

## Membership Categories

Memberships include High Holiday Tickets, except where noted.

Membership Type
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.

Note: Membership dues are not posted in this web site.  
Please call the membership committee at 410-653-3867 for fees.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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, an egalitarian, participatory Jewish congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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 the religious practices within the congregation as defined by the Rabbi, the Chevrei Tzedek Ritual Committee and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Date

Signed

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Date

Signed

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