

Kolot Chayeinu/קולות חייו Voices of Our Lives

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PARTICIPATION FORM 2008-2009/5769

ALL HANDS ARE NEEDED:

How Will You Participate in Building Kolot Chayeinu?

Kolot Chayeinu is a participatory congregation; as our Mission Statement says," All hands are needed to build our community." As you join or rejoin Kolot this year, we are asking you to commit to one act of community building and to consider being part of a working group. Working groups and activities change from year to year. Even if you signed up in the past this is an opportunity to change the choices you made previously. Please complete this form and *send it with your Membership Form and payment.*

Member name: _____

Phone number #1: _____

Phone number #2: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please select at least one activity from two of the three categories below - *Shabbat Services, Children's Learning Program, and Holidays.*

Shabbat Services

Please contact me to arrange for me to:

- Bring breakfast and grape juice for Kiddush at a Shabbat morning service (we'll explain what to do)
- Serve as a shamas , a greeter, at a Shabbat morning service (we'll explain what to do)
- Set up tables and chairs and bring grape juice and challah to a Friday family Shabbat service

Children's Learning Program

To help support the children's learning program, I will:

- Help with a task related at a Monday or Tuesday afternoon session (some one will call to arrange).
- Help set up a special event (some one will call to arrange).

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Holidays

The yearly cycle of Jewish holidays offers another way to get involved and work with other members of the community. Please sign up to help with one of the holidays below. Someone from the holiday committee will contact you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sukkot | <input type="checkbox"/> Tu B'Shevat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simkhat Torah | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesach (for the school celebration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chanukah | <input type="checkbox"/> Shavuot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purim | |

Note that during the month before the High Holydays, members will receive notices and calls about getting involved during *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe. *The above list of holidays focuses on other times of the year.*

Working Groups: Keeping Kolot Operating

With its small staff, Kolot Chayeinu is self-managed. To keep ourselves operating, we have divided the key organizational tasks into working groups. Getting involved doesn't mean that you are consigned to "committee life." You can start small, and this work presents an opportunity to contribute a skill, grapple with our key issues, meet other members, and have some fun, too. Indicate your interest, below. A board member or staff person will contact you.

This year I am interested in:

- Helping plan for and secure Kolot's future by contributing my skills and expertise to:
 - Financial Planning** working group.
 - Capacity Management/Personnel** working group
 - Communications** working group
- Thinking of possible, unique new spaces through the **Olive Tree** working group.
- Working with new members and making sure that all members feel welcome through the **Kehila v'Chevra (community and membership)** working group.
- Raising funds for Kolot through the **Terumah (fundraising)** working group. (Note: Experienced fundraisers and total novices willing to work are highly desired.)
- Supporting members of the congregation at times of sickness, need, loss and joy through the working group **G'milut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness)**.
- Creating social justice activities through the **Etz-Kehillah (social justice)** working group.
- Taking part in one of the **administrative jobs** that holds the community together - for instance, mailings, e-mails, designing flyers and other forms of communication, and helping with thank you notes.