

# 2017 Bet Torah CSA Membership Registration Form

## Hazon Community-Supported Agriculture Project at Bet Torah with Blooming Hill Farm



**BLOOMING HILL FARM**

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a mutually beneficial partnership where urban consumers receive fresh, nutritious produce while helping to sustain the livelihoods and stewardship of regional farmers. In a CSA arrangement the farmer pre-sells “shares” of his or her farm’s upcoming harvest to individuals, families and institutions. *Hazon* means vision – Hazon’s mission is to foster a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community and a healthier and more sustainable world for all. Hazon and Bet Torah are committed to recruiting a minimum of 50 shares/memberships to support the 2017 season. Hazon CSAs warmly welcomes Jewish and non-Jewish members.

### Bet Torah CSA Shareholder Member Commitment Agreement

As a member of the Bet Torah CSA, I will receive a weekly share consisting of 8-12 vegetables. The shares will vary in size and weight depending on the time of the season and will also include herbs and seasonal fruits. One aspect of a CSA is that members support their farmer by sharing in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure, etc.) and rewards (the bounty from a good season) involved in farming. CSA farmers purposely plan for such contingencies and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members and optimize the rewards: growing a wide variety of crops that thrive in different types of conditions, cover cropping, crop rotation and irrigation. Moreover, the CSA builds relationships of trust between the farmer and community group. Members will get a wide variety of produce in plentiful amounts. Therefore, I understand this principle and agree that there is no guarantee on the exact amount or type of produce I will receive in my share. By participating in the CSA, I am supporting the local farmer as well as more equitable food distribution, and I am helping to create a more environmentally just, economically fair and healthy society.

I agree not to hold the Bet Torah CSA, Blooming Hill Farm or anyone acting on their behalf, including any agents officers, volunteers or employees, responsible for any damages resulting from injuries sustained as a result of any carelessness or negligence while engaged in any event or activity, including but not limited to the weekly distribution, farm visits or any event or activity that is sponsored, held, or coordinated by the Hazon CSA at Bet Torah, including any injuries sustained from any of the food produced by Blooming Hill Farm.

By participating in this CSA, I'm bringing healthy local food to my neighborhood, supporting local and sustainable agriculture, building community and making our city a great place to live!

As a Bet Torah CSA shareholder (full or split share - if desired, a member may share a share with another person or family 50/50.):

I commit to support the farm by adhering to payment schedule on 2017 Bet Torah CSA Share Cost Agreement form (see page 3).

I commit to pick up my weekly delivery at Bet Torah between 4:00pm and 7:00pm on Wednesdays during the CSA season May-November (day/time subject to change due to holidays). Shareholders may make special arrangements for their share to be picked up in their absence. I understand that if I do not pick up my share it will be donated to a low-income family or an emergency food provider. Additionally, extra produce is also shared amongst shareholders and Bet Torah Office and Custodial Staff.

I agree to volunteer a minimum of two shifts (per share; full or split share) during the CSA season (May-November). Volunteer Sign-Ups will be registered on Sign-Up Genius as outlined on page 4.

My photo and photos of my family may be used in Hazon materials or materials used to support the Bet Torah CSA. Shareholder members of the Bet Torah CSA will be added to Hazon's listserv and can unsubscribe at any time.

I have read this Bet Torah Shareholder Member Commitment Agreement and agree to its terms:

Shareholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Shareholder (2<sup>nd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Shareholder Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (**mandatory**) \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shareholder Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (**mandatory**) \_\_\_\_\_

# 2017 Bet Torah CSA Share Cost Agreement

**Bet Torah CSA 2017 Estimated Season: May 24 through November 15 (25 weeks)**  
(Actual season start and end dates may vary based on growing season.)

**Pick-up at Bet Torah each Wednesday between 4:00pm and 7:00pm**  
(Day/time subject to change due to holidays.)

Vegetable & Fruit Share: Certified naturally grown local seasonal produce from Blooming Hill Farm. Also includes fresh herbs.

**Total cost per full share is \$630.** (This is the first price increase in 7 years and is less than \$1.00 per week)

I would be interested in joining the Bet Torah CSA Core Committee, which involves playing a role in organizing and running the Hazon CSA site at Bet Torah and planning various educational events over the CSA season. Potential events include: cooking demonstrations, text study, Shabbat dinners, trips to the farm, etc.

Payment Options: **Check or Cash only.** We cannot accept credit cards. **All checks should be made out to Bet Torah.** Payments must be received by May 6, 2017. *After the May 6, 2017 deadline, the CSA fee will increase to \$654.* A small portion of your payment goes to cover Bet Torah CSA administrative and program costs.

Existing CSA members may submit only the completed and signed one-page 2017 Bet Torah CSA Share Cost Agreement with payment.

New members must submit the signed two-page 2017 Bet Torah CSA Membership Registration Form and the completed and signed one-page 2017 Bet Torah CSA Share Cost Agreement with payment to:

Bet Torah  
Attn.: 2017 CSA Registration  
60 Smith Avenue  
Mount Kisco, NY 10549

**If all materials are not completed and received with full payment, the share can not be issued.**

**Shareholder Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shareholder Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Lisa Futterman at benne20971@aol.com with for additional info or any questions.

# NEW!! 2017 Bet Torah CSA Volunteer Information & Sign-Up

## “SIGNUP GENIUS”

### **VOLUNTEERING FOR SET UP & CLEAN UP**

Each shareholder is required to volunteer for at least two shifts during the CSA season. If you are able to sign up for more than two shifts, your additional help will be greatly appreciated.

**This year all volunteer sign-ups will be done electronically on SignUpGenius.** An email will be sent to each registered and paid in full CSA shareholder with a request for a minimum of two volunteer dates. Please sign up promptly – all sign-ups must be secured prior to the season beginning on May 24, 2017 to validate your share in the CSA.

**Please remember to mark your own calendars with your own specific volunteer dates and times.**

An email reminder will be sent prior to your shift from SignUpGenius but it is your responsibility to fulfill your volunteer shift on your requested date. A separate email with Volunteer Instructions will be emailed to everyone at the start of the season and these same instructions are in the CSA binder/materials box that is used weekly at distribution.

**If you are unable to make your assigned shift, you are responsible for finding your own replacement and for notifying Lisa Futterman via email [benne20971@aol.com](mailto:benne20971@aol.com) of the specific change.** Your help is critical to the success of our CSA and children are always welcome to help too!

### **SET-UP VOLUNTEER EARLY SHIFT OVERVIEW** Hours: 3:15pm-5:15pm

Responsibilities include arranging set-up items, putting the produce on tables, putting up signs, maintaining produce bins, packing any bags for those who are unable to pick up, breaking down boxes and staffing the early part of distribution.

### **CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEER LATE SHIFT OVERVIEW** Hours: 5:15pm-7:15pm

Responsibilities include assisting distribution, maintaining produce bins, packing up remaining produce, breaking down boxes, moving remaining produce to the kitchen, collecting trash, helping return set-up items to proper location, leaving the place looking fresh and reporting an update on product leftovers.

### **2017 CSA PICK-UP DATES – ALL WEDNESDAYS 4PM-7PM UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE**

May 24	August 23	November 8
June 7	August 30	November 15
June 14	September 6	
June 21	September 13	
June 28	September 19	
July 5	September 27	
July 12	October 3	
July 19	October 10	
July 26	October 18	
August 2	October 25	
August 16	November 1	