



SHAARE TORAH CSA

Community Supported Agriculture



Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) brings the freshest local produce right to our door

What is a CSA?

A CSA is a partnership between a local farm and a community of supporters. CSA members purchase **up front** a "share" of the crops that are grown. In return, they partake in the farm's bounty throughout the growing season by means of a weekly delivery of healthy, fresh, locally grown produce from the CSA farm, harvested at the peak of ripeness, flavor, and nutritional content.

How does it work?

- 1 share costs \$470 for 20 weeks of delivery from May 18 – September 28, 2009.
- Pick up will be Monday 5:30-7:30 pm at Shaare Torah.
- Deposit of \$70 and signed registration form must be received by January 24, 2009 to reserve your share.
 - Balance may be completed in **two** installments of \$200 payments due February 28 and March 31.
- Shares can be split between two or more households; share members are responsible for finding share partners and dividing up their produce. Our farmer strongly recommends that if you decide on a half-share, you should partner with someone you know and like.



Our Farm-

Calvert Farm is located in Cecil County, Maryland close to the borders of Pennsylvania and Delaware. They are a small farm, certified Organic by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. 2009 will be their 15th growing season.

Why Join?

- To Eat Healthier
- To Get the Freshest Produce Available
- Because it's Affordable
- To Support Small Local Farms
- Because it's Good for the Environment
- Because it's Good for our Community. We will tithe by giving food from our CSA to those in our community who would benefit from this support.

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SUMMER 2009 SHAARE TORAH CSA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Shaare Torah is committed to recruiting a minimum of 45 shares / memberships to support the upcoming season. Our CSA warmly welcomes Shaare Torah members, as well as people from outside of our community

Share Price for 2009 CSA Season : May 18 – September 28, 2009

\$470 (includes mandatory \$20 admin fee to cover administration and educational costs)

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$70 is due by Jan. 24, 2009 to hold your reservation
- A second payment of at least \$200 is due Feb. 28, 2009.
- Balance is due by March 31, 2009.

Because Calvert Farm begins making expenditures to plant crops upon receiving CSA registrations, it will not be possible to refund any payments

Please send completed and signed form with check made out to "**Calvert Farms**" to Shaare Torah CSA, PO Box 83598, Gaithersburg, MD 20883

or may be dropped off in the synagogue office in a sealed envelope labeled "CSA."

Member Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (required) _____

I am interested in volunteering further with the CSA organization and/or the educational programming over the CSA season.

Member Commitment

I, (print name) _____, commit to membership in the Shaare Torah CSA with Calvert farm. As a member, I commit myself to supporting the farm with timely payments. In addition, I commit to pick up my weekly delivery at Shaare Torah between 5:30 and 7:30 pm on Monday night. I understand that if I do not pick up my share it will be donated to a local emergency food provider. *As part of my membership I also agree to volunteer a minimum of 1 shift (per household) during the CSA season.*

The CSA Share

As a member of the CSA, I will receive a weekly share consisting of 6-8 vegetables. The shares will vary in size and weight depending on the time of the season. One aspect of CSA is that members support their farmer by sharing in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) 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 vegetables. 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.

Member Signature _____ **Date** _____