



**SHAARE TORAH CSA** Community Supported Agriculture

**CSA**

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.

**Our Farm:** Calvert farm is located in Cecil County, Maryland. They are a small farm, certified organic by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. 2011 will be their 17<sup>th</sup> growing season.

## Register for the 2011 Summer CSA!

Carrots, Summer Squash , Winter Squash , Potatoes, Cauliflower, Eggplant, Sweet Corn , Watermelon, Asparagus, Cucumbers, Cabbage, Strawberries, Tomatoes, Greens, Celery, Cantaloupe, Peppers, Kale, Herbs, Onions, Beets, Spinach, Salad Mix , Kohlrabi, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts , Snap beans, Leeks, Lima Beans, Peas, Radishes, Swiss Chard, Strawberries, Melons, and MORE....

- 1 share costs \$500 for 20 weeks of delivery from May 16 through September 26, 2011. One dozen eggs weekly are an additional \$60.
- Pick up will be Mondays\* 5:30-7:30 pm at Shaare Torah, 1409 Main Street, Gaithersburg, Maryland  
\*Except days after Monday Holidays-- Tuesday, May 31, Tuesday July 5 and Tuesday September 6
- First half of payment and signed registration form must be received to reserve your share due February 15<sup>th</sup> .
- Full payment due by March 30th
- 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.

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## SUMMER 2011 SHAARE TORAH CSA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Our CSA warmly welcomes Shaare Torah members, as well as people from outside of our community.

### Share Price for 2011 CSA Summer Season : May 16 – September 26, 2011

- One share- \$500 (we are waiving ST administrative fees this year)
- Eggs \$60

### **Payment Schedule:**

- Deposit/First payment of \$250 to hold your reservation by February 15, 2011
- Balance is due March 30, 2011

*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 Farm**" to Shaare Torah CSA, PO Box 83598, Gaithersburg, MD 20883 or may be dropped off in the synagogue office, 1409 Main Street, Gaithersburg, MD in an envelope labeled "CSA."

### Member Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing: (one registration only), name of other member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required) \_\_\_\_\_

### **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/or Tuesday nights after 3 day holiday weekends. 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** \_\_\_\_\_