

Hollis Hills CSA – 2016 Membership Agreement

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a mutually beneficial partnership where urban consumers receive fresh, nutritious vegetables 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.

Please complete the Membership Agreement, include your check made payable to “Hollis Hills Jewish Center” (write “CSA/Ross Fund” in the memo line) and return to: Hollis Hills Jewish Center, 210-10 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11364, Attn: CSA

Contact Required Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____ Email: _____

Are you splitting your share? ____ yes ____ no Share partner: _____

Address: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the Hollis Hills CSA? _____

Have you been a CSA member before? ____ yes ____ no

The CSA Share

As a CSA member, I will receive from the *Golden Earthworm Organic Farm* a weekly vegetable share consisting of 6-10 items and sufficient to feed 2-4 people. The shares will vary in size and variety at different times during the season. There is also the opportunity to purchase a fruit share from the *Briermere Farm*.

Sharing the Risk

Members support the farmer by sharing in the inherent risks (poor weather, drought, frost, etc.) of agriculture and rewards of a good harvest. Though farmers use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk and optimize rewards, I understand principles of farming and agree there is no guarantee of amount or type of produce I receive.

Share Price

Full vegetable share is \$568 for 26 weeks. If you are splitting your share, you need to coordinate with the other household on how the vegetables will be divided.

Fruit shares include fresh, seasonal fruit from *Briermere Farm* in cooperation with *Golden Earthworm*. Cost is \$100 and runs 15 weeks from July through October. Fruit shares are NOT organic.

Members are not sent invoices. All signed Membership Agreements must be received by April 27, accompanied by a check for the full amount. Payments are not refundable.

Member Commitment

I commit to membership in the Hollis Hills CSA for the 2016 Season, May 26 - November 17. As a member I commit to:

- Support the farm with an up-front payment.
- Pick up my share weekly at Hollis Hills Jewish Center's Annex, 80-11 210th Street, Hollis Hills, between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm on Thursdays, May 26 - November 17.
- If I am unable to pick up, it is my responsibility to send someone for my share. I must tell the shift volunteers who will pick up for me.
- Food not picked up is donated to the pantry.
- Work 4-6 hours during the season (help at distribution, assist the core group, recruitment or programming).
- When I cannot make my shift, it is my responsibility to find a sub. I can find my own sub, or find a sub from the "Standby List". I must tell who is going to sub for me to one of the shift coordinators (Maris or Roz). If I am unable to cover my shift, and use one of the Standby List volunteers, my name will move to the "Standby List" for the shift I missed. It is critical that all shifts be covered.

Ideas for Work Fulfillment and Volunteer Sign-in Agreement

In order to keep the CSA running, each member has to sign up for some work requirement consisting of 4-6 hours. Shifts are Thursdays May 26 - November 17. There are two shifts each week: 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm and 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm. If you are unable to work a shift, below are ways members can fulfill their work obligation:

- 1) Shift volunteer at distribution: set up, distribute, break down boxes, clean up, close.
- 2) Shift volunteer coordinator: make sure members contribute the agreed upon amount of work time, set weekly schedule for members working at distribution, confirms shifts and make sure all shifts are covered.
- 3) Standby volunteer for shifts: substitute for someone who is unable to work their shift with a maximum commitment 3 times.
- 4) Treasurer: keep accounting of monies raised and disbursed, collect and deposit checks, and pay the farmer.
- 5) Food pantry delivery coordinator: set weekly schedule for pantry delivery.

6) Food pantry delivery volunteer: make sure unclaimed food is delivered to pantry.

7) Research recipes volunteer: submit recipes based on the contents of the share.

Members use "SignUpGenius.com" to sign up for shifts and will get an instruction email from Maris Blechner. You can select your shifts within a week to ten days after your completed application and check is received. Please sign up as soon as you get the email.

I will purchase the following shares: ___ vegetable \$568.00
(\$548 paid to farmer and \$20 administration fee)
 ___ fruit \$100.00
(\$96 paid to farmer and \$4.00 administration fee)

Full name: _____

CSA – job choice: _____

Member signature: _____ Date: _____

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Registration is not considered complete until you have selected a job, signed the Membership Agreement, and sent in your check. Please make the necessary arrangements to volunteer – our CSA depends on it.

**CSA membership fee is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.
We look forward to welcoming you!**

Hollis Hills – CSA Core Group

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