

# Summer 2009 Tuv Ha'Aretz Membership Registration Form

The Hazon Community-Supported Agriculture Project at  
Tikvat Israel with Calvert Farm



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" in his or her farm's upcoming harvest to individuals, families, and institutions in the city. *Hazon* means vision – Hazon's mission is to foster a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community, as a step towards a healthier and more sustainable world for all. Hazon and Tikvat Israel are committed to recruiting a minimum of 75 shares / memberships to support the upcoming season. Tuv Ha'Aretz warmly welcomes Jewish and non-Jewish members.

## Member Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

How did you hear about Tuv Ha'Aretz? \_\_\_\_\_

If splitting a share, please include the information for the other partner in your share here (members are responsible for finding their own share partner(s) if splitting a share) :

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

## Member Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) commit to membership in Tuv Ha'Aretz, The Hazon CSA at Tikvat Israel 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 Tikvat Israel between 2 and 6:30 pm on Monday night. 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. As part of my membership I also agree to volunteer a minimum of 1 shift (per household) during the Tuv Ha'Aretz 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.

## Share Prices for 2009 Season

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> (Share Dates)

A “**FULL SHARE**” is full amount picked up once a week.

Produce Share: Farm fresh, locally grown, seasonal vegetables from Calvert Farm. The fruit will be either organic, organically grown or grown using IPM ( Integrated Pest management); non-organic apples and peaches may also be included.

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Share.....\$ 565

Egg Share: 1 dozen per week. The eggs are free range. Hens are kept separate from roosters.

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Share.....\$60

Administrative Fee (mandatory): Covers administrative costs for the season e.g. copying the newsletter, purchasing materials for educational events, core group meetings, etc.

(\$10 Admin Fee is included this year in the share cost.)

**TOTAL.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I would be interested in joining the CSA Core Group, which involves playing a role in organizing and running Tuv Ha’Aretz and planning various educational events over the CSA season. Potential events include: cooking demonstrations, text study, Shabbat dinners, trips to the farm, etc.

Payment Deadline:

- All checks should be made out to “Tuv Ha’Aretz”.
- Full payment is due by March 30, 2009.

The admin fee goes to cover Tuv Ha’Aretz’s administration and educational costs.

Please send completed and signed form with check made out to “Tuv Ha’Aretz” to Registration Coordinator, Vivian Liebenson at 203 Lawrence Dr. Rockville, MD 20850, or may be dropped off in the drop office box in the synagogue office in a sealed envelope labeled “Tuv Ha’aretz.”

**Member Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_