

Har Zion's 34th Congregational Kallah
Friday evening through Sunday morning – March 9th-11th, 2018
Perlman Retreat Center, Mukwonago, WI (New location!)

Dear Har Zion Member,

The Har Zion Congregational Kallah will soon be here! We welcome everyone, from tots to seniors, to this weekend retreat. This year, we have moved to a closer location in hopes more people will attend!

What is Kallah?

Kallah is our annual gathering in rustic Wisconsin where we can enjoy a Shabbat weekend in a beautiful setting, away from the hustle and bustle of our hometowns. We are trying a new location – less than two hours drive from HZ – to make it easier to participate. Like other years, we will share our thoughts and ideas on matters of interest in our Jewish community, and on matters not so serious. We will learn, pray, socialize and eat in this countryside setting. The dress is strictly casual and the food is plentiful.

Activities

The weekend begins with some time to settle in. We greet Shabbat with candle lighting, Kabbalat Shabbat services, and dinner, followed by activities for everyone to get to know each other a bit better. (Don't worry, no trust exercises.) Saturday begins with breakfast and services, led by our congregants. After lunch we will have a choice of different sessions to learn, share and explore ideas on topics led by our members. Weather-permitting, we will have our Ultimate Frisbee Game. Following dinner we will gather for our traditional talent show ("talent" may be used rather loosely!) followed by an ice cream social. Often, the teens will organize an outing to go bowling or to paintball. We conclude on Sunday late morning, following breakfast, discussion and a tikkun olam project. Activities are not mandatory, there can be plenty of down-time if you want to take a walk or a nap, or linger in a conversation you strike up during a meal.

There will be supervised children's activities including games, crafts and Gaga during the weekend. If you have young children, we will likely enlist your help with supervising kids' activities. Thanks in advance, and we'll get in touch with you at a later date to organize time slots based on how many kids attend.

SPECIAL FIRST TIME FAMILY PRICING! First time Kallah attendees receive one child (7th grade and under) free with each paying adult!

Weekend Costs and Housing

Please see the attached sheet for pricing, which ranges by age and room style. Most rooms are dorm-style with one to three twin-sized bunk beds and a private bathroom. Each family unit can have their own room. Teens can room together, and we'll have a teen advisor to help with activities and to chaperone. For families who want to upgrade housing, there are a limited number of apartments which include full and queen-sized beds and kitchenettes.

We don't want interested families to miss out based on the cost of the weekend. **If the cost of Kallah is a challenge for you and your family please contact Eddie Simon or Rabbi Glick who have access to limited scholarship funds.**

To reserve a space, please complete the Kallah registration form and return it with your payment to the WSTHZ office no later than February 19.

We know it can be tough to fit this retreat into busy schedules, but we are always warmed by this weekend. We feel strongly the HZ Kallah bolstered our daughters' Jewish identity and our family's sense of community. Hope you will join us! We are happy to answer any questions - Jill and John Dempsey (co-chairs) (708-848-3563)