

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

Overview

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs offer an opportunity for farmers and consumers to truly connect. CSA farms are usually small enterprises, often family farms, growing food sustainably and committed to fresh, high-quality products. Consumers purchase a 'share' of the farm's harvest at the beginning of the season. The farmer then delivers periodic (usually weekly) boxes or "shares" containing the best of what the growing season has to offer.

Beth El Synagogue is partnering with [Blooms Organic Farm](#) in Crescent, Iowa to offer a limited number of 'shares' for the summer of 2010. Each 'shareholder' will receive a weekly basket of produce.

Membership

- One share is \$525 (families can opt to partner with another family to purchase a share together, but please sign up as one family with one check)
- Deadline to sign up and pay is Friday, April 30.
- Beth El Synagogue has a limited number of shares that will be available on a first come, first served basis.
- Each share will receive one box of produce per week from June 3 through Sept. 30.
- Members will receive email newsletters with information about the harvest, recipes and educational material
- Pick up will be at Beth El Synagogue weekly on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. After 5:30 pm, any food not picked up will be donated.
- Families will be required to notify the office (492-8550) **in advance** if you or your representative is unable to pick up your share on any given week. We regret that we are unable to store your food for later pickup. Any food not picked up will be donated after 5:30 pm on the scheduled pick up date.
- Pre-Shavuot "Day at the Farm" - Sunday, May 16 all shareholders and their families will have an opportunity to visit the farm
- Every participating family is responsible a few times during the summer to either go to the farm, pack up the week's produce and bringing it to Beth El and/or supervising weekly pickup by shareholders at Beth El.



Products

May-June: lettuce, radish, greens, kale, peas, chard, green onion, herbs

July-July: summer squash, fennel, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans, garlic, onion, shallot, raspberries

July-Aug: some of the items above and cabbage, kohlrabi, zucchini

Aug-Sept: greens, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, winter squashes (*butternut, acorn*) cut flowers

YES, I am interested in purchasing a share of Bloom Organic Farm weekly vegetable delivery for the summer of 2010 (June 3 – September 30, 2010).

Enclosed is my check for \$525 (made payable to Beth El Synagogue)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **email** _____

Return this form with your check to Beth El Synagogue, 14506 California St. Omaha, NE 68154. Questions? Contact Margie at programming@bethel-omaha.org or call the synagogue office at 492-8550.