

## WHAT IS A CHAVURAH?

The word “Chavurah” (chavurot plural) comes from the Hebrew word “Chaver,” meaning friend. Each Chavurah is a small community of Temple B’nai Torah congregants who meet in each other’s homes to socialize, study, and celebrate Jewish life together.

It is a small group of families, couples and individuals who share common interests and the desire to meet together on a regular basis to develop a personal Jewish community, an extended family within our larger congregational family.

In the Chavurah environment new and exciting experiences can be shared with new and old friends.

## GOALS OF A CHAVURAH

- To allow an individual or family to become acquainted with a small group of synagogue members and to share with these members many different aspects of Jewish life.

To create an opportunity for members to connect with each other and develop an extended family within our larger congregation.

- To provide the individual or family with a strong and meaningful commitment to participate in synagogue life.

- To help strengthen an individual’s or family’s identification with an awareness of the entire Jewish community.

## HOW DO I JOIN A CHAVURAH?

Participation in the Chavurah program is open to all Temple B’nai Torah members and has two requirements:

- ✓ Your Interest
- ✓ Your Application

Upon receiving your application, every attempt will be made to place you with other congregants who express similar interests, needs and/or location.

## HOW DOES MY CHAVURAH MEET?

The Program Director or a representative from the Chavurah committee will contact you with information about your potential Chavurah. A “Chavurah Get-to-Know-You Workshop” is scheduled 2 - 4 times a year, and this is the first meeting of the Chavurah.

Chavurot usually meet monthly in the homes of the Chavurah members, or attend outside activities together. They can share many things, based on a consensus within each group; their interests may be social, educational, religious, community service oriented, and sometimes all of these apply.

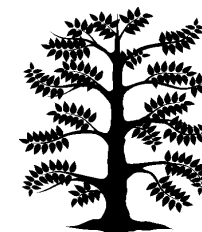
## HOW ARE CHAVUROT FORMED?

The Chavurah Committee tries to form new groups as applications come in and to add members to existing groups who have lost members. They also try to form Chavurot based upon common interests, such as couples with children, single parents, gays and lesbians, interfaith couples, seniors, couples without children, singles, location or any set of criteria that feels comfortable.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

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IT’S FREE!

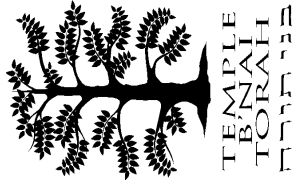
# Temple B’nai Torah Chavurah Program



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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Placed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Chavurah Application

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Adult #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHAVURAH INFORMATION

Please be as detailed as possible so we can place you with a Chavurah that will best match your needs and interests

#### I am interested in a Chavurah that has (Please ✓ all that apply)

- Singles with Children
- Singles with No Children
- Singles and Couples with Children
- Singles and Couples with No Children
- Couples with Children
- Couples with No Children
- Gay & Lesbian
- Empty Nesters
- Seniors
- Live in Same General Area
- Interfaith Family

#### I am interested in a Chavurah that shares activities such as (Please ✓ all that apply)

- Jewish Study
- Adult Social Gatherings
- Celebrate Jewish Holidays
- Synagogue Activities
- Social Action
- Children Focused/Family Activities
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Is there someone you would like to be with in a Chavurah?

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#### Would you be willing to host the initial Chavurah Meeting?

- Yes  No

#### Did we forget something?

Is there other pertinent information that would help us in making a successful match?

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**Please return this application to:**

**Temple B'nai Torah  
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