

## **What is a Chavurah?**

The word Chavurah comes from the Hebrew word “chaver”, meaning friend. A Chavurah is a group of BJB E members who gather regularly throughout the year to enrich their lives by socializing, learning and celebrating Jewish life together. Participating in a Chavurah is one way to meet other temple members in a smaller, more personal setting, in which new relationships and friendships can be developed from within the congregation.

## **What does a Chavurah do?**

Chavurah members plan activities of their own choosing. It could be a pot-luck dinner, building a Sukkah, attending a BJB E Shabbat service together, going apple picking, attending a concert or play, whatever...it’s your choice! Among the joys of Chavurah are sharing Shabbat, life cycle events, and the Jewish holidays.

## **How large is a Chavurah, how often does it meet?**

A BJB E Chavurah is usually made up of 6–8 families, or 15-20 individuals. The number, frequency, and day and time of meetings are entirely decided by the members of the Chavurah. Most groups meet monthly or semi-monthly, in the homes of their members or wherever they choose for an activity.

## **How do I join a Chavurah?**

The process of joining a Chavurah at BJB E is very simple. Just send in the included form to BJB E. You will be contacted by the Chavurah Program Committee, who will use this information to make the best possible placement for you by matching interests, age groups, etc.

## **Why NOW?**

Joining a Chavurah gives you a more intimate sense of community, within the larger BJB E family. Members form lasting bonds of friendship that play an important role during times of joy and sadness. Building and maintaining community is an integral part of the vision for our future as BJB E grows. The Chavurah experience gives you the feeling of an “extended family” within our congregation.

## **Questions?**

**Feel free to contact the Chavurah Program Chair,  
Robbie Schreiber at 847-562-8580 or [robbie1008@aol.com](mailto:robbie1008@aol.com)**

# CHAVURAH APPLICATION



Adult #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Adult #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Interests:

Please indicate how important the following should be in your Chavurah: (circle)

Celebrate Jewish Holidays     Little     Somewhat     Very

Socialize     Little     Somewhat     Very

Study (discussions, speakers)     Little     Somewhat     Very

Social Action/Tzedakah     Little     Somewhat     Very

Cultural Activities     Little     Somewhat     Very

I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with:     singles     couples     no preference

I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with:     people my/our age     mixed ages     no preference

I/We would be interested in a Chavurah made up of interfaith couples:     yes     no     no preference

I/We would like to be in a Chavurah where most of the activities include children:     yes     no     no preference

If you want to be in a Chavurah with children, the children in your Chavurah should be:

similar in age to my/our children     mixed ages     infants/toddlers     no infants/toddlers     no preference

What kind of activities would you like to do in your Chavurah? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the kind of people you would like to meet in your Chavurah: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your interests, Jewish or otherwise: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other helpful information to assist us in placing you in a Chavurah which meets your needs or interests?

Please return this application to: BJBE, ATTENTION: "CHAVURAH PROGRAM".

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