

What is a Chavurah?

Chavurah (plural is “Chavurot”) comes from the Hebrew word, “chaver,” meaning friend. Each Chavurah is a group of fifteen to twenty Fairmount Temple members who come together to socialize, learn and celebrate Jewish holidays and life cycle events. By meeting regularly in small groups, members develop a greater sense of community within the congregation, often developing life-long friendships.

What Do Members of a Chavurah Do?

That depends on the members of each Chavurah. Chavurah members plan a variety of programs according to their interests, including community service, educational, religious, and social events. Chavurot made up of young families plan programs appropriate to the ages of their children, while Chavurot made up of empty nesters plan activities for adults to enjoy. Chavurot also participate together in Fairmount Temple’s larger congregational events.

When and Where Does a Chavurah Meet?

Each Chavurah decides what is most convenient for its members. Most Chavurot meet monthly in the homes of its members, although activities might also be held at a park, a museum, our synagogue, or anywhere else that the group plans.

What Are My Responsibilities as a Chavurah Member?

All members of a Chavurah are asked to be active participants in the group. This includes helping to plan events and activities, attending these events, and taking one’s turn hosting and leading events.

How Do I Join?

There is a place for everyone in a Chavurah. Individuals, couples, and families are all welcome. Fill out the attached form and return it to Fairmount Temple’s office. The information you give us will help us place you in a group that is the best match for you.

*If you have any questions, please call Wendy Jacobson,
Coordinator of Caring Community, at 216.464.1330,
ext 162 or wjacobson@fairmounttemple.com.*

MEMBER 1

Name _____
Birthdate _____
Occupation _____
Business/Cell phone _____
e-mail _____

MEMBER 2 (if applicable)

Name _____
Birthdate _____
Occupation _____
Business/Cell phone _____
e-mail _____

Home address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____

CHILDREN (if applicable)

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Special interests _____

Kind of Chavurah you are looking for:

Couple Oriented _____ Family Oriented _____

Young Adults _____

Unmarried Members (Single, Divorced, or Widowed) _____

Single Parents _____ Interfaith _____ GLBT _____

Seniors _____ Other _____

Your interests in joining a Chavurah:

Study Emphasis: Frequent _____ Some _____ None _____

Social Emphasis: Frequent _____ Some _____ None _____

Family Activities: Frequent _____ Some _____ None _____

Holiday Celebrations: Frequent _____ Some _____ None _____