

# Havurah Application

Names of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

M/F (circle) School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

M/F (circle) School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

M/F (circle) School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I/We can be described as: (check all that apply)

- Shomer Shabbat
- Kasher
- Vegetarian
- Native Clevelander
- Long-time Clevelander
- Recent Clevelander

I/We would like to be in a Havurah with: (check all that apply)

- Singles
- Adults
- Couples
- Families
- Seniors
- Intergenerational

Which activities would you like emphasized in a Havurah: (Please rank with your first choice as #1)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Social
- \_\_\_\_\_ Religious
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arts/Cultural
- \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Celebration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education

What are your expectations of a Havurah?

Anything else you think would help us place you in a Havurah which meets your needs and interests?

I/We would join an existing Havurah.  Yes  No

I/We would like to be in a group with the following B'nai Jeshurun members

For further information or if you have questions contact

Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria at:  
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Please return the application to:  
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## Havurah Steering Committee

Sheila Allenick	Annette Haarburger
Sue Brelus	Lee Jackson
Fran Bulloff	Millie Mandel
Tova Cohen	Kelly Rubanenko
Rebekah Dorman	Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria
Betty Fishman	Robbie Schonfeld
Elaine Greene	Darby Miller Steiger
Helen Wolf	



# B'nai Jeshurun Havurah Experience

Our Havurah of young families was formed about three years ago with families all with children under three. Our Havurah is exploding with babies and it is wonderful to watch them grow! Some of our best gatherings have been outings to the zoo, a Tu B'Shevat Seder, pre-Purim carnivals, a Havdallah program and of course sharing simchas. The best part of the Havurah has been building relationships with families outside of the synagogue so that when we come to shul, we feel a part of a community within a community.

Jon & Darby Miller Steiger, a young family Havurah



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## **What is a Havurah?**

A Havurah is a small group of congregants that gathers together to socialize, celebrate Jewish holidays, learn more about Jewish subjects, or take any focus that the group chooses. Each group defines its own goals and means for growth and self-expression. The Havurah may meet in members' homes or at a chosen place such as a museum, park, restaurant or theater. Typical activities may include meals together, family holiday celebrations, working on a volunteer project or attending synagogue activities. The group is free to create any programming to celebrate Jewish life. A Havurah may consist of singles, couples, families or any combination. Typically, a Havurah is made up of 20 individuals or 8 - 10 families.

## **Why join a Havurah?**

B'nai Jeshurun is a large congregation. Being a part of a Havurah is an opportunity to develop and strengthen friendships with others who share similar interests. Whether you are a new member or looking for new friendships, a Havurah is your way to create an extended family at B'nai Jeshurun. Havurah members can be counted on to both celebrate lifecycle events together and, when necessary, provide comfort and support during times of sadness, illness and loss.

## **How do I sign up?**

Please complete the Havurah application and return it to B'nai Jeshurun by October 10, 2004. Havurot will be assembled by the Havurah Steering Committee. Feel free to contact Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria at 216-831-6555 or rabbirudinluria@bnaijeshurun.org with any questions or suggestions.

“ Our Havurah has provided an even greater sense of community for us in the congregation. It's an extension of our family.”

*Sue & John Brelus, a young family Havurah*

“ Our Havurah has been like an extended family to us. We have no family in town so we celebrate holidays together and have also shared life cycle events including births, deaths, Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, and most recently graduations. The Havurah has been an important part of our lives for almost 13 years now.”

*David Ashpis & Rebekah Dorman, Havurat Shorashim*

“ It's more than just an acquaintance to say 'hello.' It's a way to make friends and build a strong relationship.”

*Millie Mandel, Havurah Chai*



“ Our Havurah began meeting in June 1993. We try to include religious, cultural, recreational and service programs every year. We have gone canoeing, done Havdallah at Blossom, volunteered at the Hebrew Shelter Home, attended synagogue functions and even gone on field trips to Chicago and Washington, DC. We have also loved the personal simchas. Our son's Bar Mitzvah was enriched by having members of our Havurah families read the Torah portions. We have watched the children in our Havurah grow up and helped each other when our parents and other family members have died.”

*Fran & Aaron Bulloff, The No Name Havurah*