



Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot

Chavurah Application

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“Chavurah” is Hebrew for friendship group. When you join a Chavurah, you’ll find yourself soon connected to our growing congregation via more intimate groups of members who share your needs and interests. A Chavurah usually consists of 7 to 10 households — singles, couples and/or families — who meet regularly for social, religious, educational or cultural activities. Each Chavurah forms its own unique personality and determines its own goals and activities.

Bonding is an important ingredient to the success of a chavurah. To establish a thriving Chavurah, members need to commit to attend **a minimum of six events a year**. You may find that your group will take several sessions to “click in,” so it is important to attend your Chavurah’s scheduled events. Chavurah matching takes place in mid-October and periodically throughout the year. All information provided is confidential and shared only with those serving on the Chavurah Committee.

Personal Information

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Adult’s Names	Ages	Children’s Names	Ages

Rank which factors are most important in your choice of a Chavurah? (1 being the most important)

___ Ages of children ___ Ages of adults ___ Interfaith ___ Singles ___ Couples ___ Senior(s)

If the ages of other chavurah members (children and/or adults) are important to you, please state the desired age range: _____

If you have a particular area of special interest, please specify (arts, cooking, travel, social action, etc.).

Do you have any other helpful information to assist us in placing you in a chavurah that will meet your needs and interests? _____

We understand and agree to the Ten Principles of a Chavurah (listed on the reverse side).

Signature

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Ten Principles of a Shir Ha-Ma'alot Chavurah and Chavurah Member

1. Our Chavurah will represent the values of Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot.
 - A. All members of the Congregation are welcome in a Chavurah regardless of color, race, sexual orientation, or marital status.
 - B. Interfaith families are welcome in all Chavurot.
2. A Chavurah is one of the best vehicles through which to establish a social network based in the Jewish faith, a caring community, and a support system for the families of Shir Ha-Ma'alot. All Chavurah members, and all Chavurot in general, will aim to achieve this lofty goal.
3. Chavurot will consist of only Temple members. Guests and non-Chavurah members are discouraged from attending regular scheduled events unless the Chavurah is interviewing prospective new members for its Chavurah.
4. A Chavurah shall have no more than 12 families and shall be open to receive new members until there are eight families.
5. Each Chavurah will meet at a set time during the year to plan the next year's events. To ensure a successful Chavurah, each member must be committed to attend events regularly and share the responsibility of hosting events.
6. The Membership Director and Chavurah Coordinator will assign members to create new Chavurot and will place new members to existing Chavurot.
7. In the event there is an issue to be resolved, Chavurah member(s) will contact the Membership Director and/or the Chavurah Coordinator to mediate and help solve the present issue. The Membership Director and Chavurah Coordinator, in consultation with the Temple President or Co-Presidents, will resolve all situations.
8. Each Chavurah will assign one member to sit as a representative on the Chavurah Council. The Council will meet every November to discuss general SHM Chavurah issues and updates.
9. Chavurot will not plan events that conflict with major Temple activities. Chavurot are encouraged to participate in or attend some Temple events as a Chavurah group.
10. Each Chavurah is a unique and independent group with respect to planning events and programs. All activities and every decision should represent the highest values and ethics of Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot.