

## Sinai Temple Chavurah Charter

(Updated January 2009)

A Chavurah is a community fellowship that exemplifies the values of Judaism and extends Temple membership beyond the walls of the synagogue. Each Chavurah is structured as an egalitarian fellowship with each member having an equal voice. Each group will be a distinctive expression of community, study, prayer, celebration, social action, Shabbat and holiday activities and life cycle observances. The Chavurah coordinating committee will be available for consultation but each group will determine for itself what its primary focus should be.

The Chavurah coordinating committee puts together groups with similar interests and needs. To allow each group to coalesce, we ask each person to commit him or herself to six meetings during which time each group will develop its own direction with a sense of belonging, friendship and extended family. Each Chavurah reflects a variety of backgrounds, personalities and styles. Everyone must be willing to give and take. By working together and solving problems together, a special relationship will develop.

Each group will meet a minimum of six times a year but may meet more frequently.

During the first meeting, the group should determine its primary purpose and select a liaison to the Chavurah Coordinating Committee. The group should also choose a name for itself.

Chavurah meetings should not conflict with Temple programs and it is necessary to check the Temple calendar before finalizing the date for each meeting. Chavurah meetings may include Temple Programs.

If children are involved, the group should determine how often they will participate.

The Chavurah column in the *Sinai Temple Bulletin* will highlight some activities of the different groups.

## Chavurah Questionnaire

Please fill out the following application and return it to the Chavurah Committee c/o Temple Sinai 3104 West Windsor Road, Champaign, IL 61822 or email it to [stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org). Please give as much information about yourself and your family as you can so that we can do our best job of matching interests and needs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children and ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please circle all applicable responses.

1. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with: Couples      Singles      No Preference
2. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with:  
People my own age (List age Range \_\_\_\_\_)      Mixed ages      No Preference
3. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah with interfaith couples:      Yes      No      No Preference
4. I/We would like to be in a Chavurah in which most activities include children:      Yes      No

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

Similar in age to my children      Mixed Ages      Preschoolers

Elementary Age      Middle and High School Age

5. Please indicate how important the following should be in your Chavurah:

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

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Please include any additional information to assist us in placing you in a Chavurah which will meet your needs and interests:

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