Please rank your goals for joining a Chavurah
(1 = Most Important)
___ Celebrate holidays
___ Socialize with other NVHC members
___ Create an “extended family”
___ Expand Jewish knowledge
___ Become more involved with NVHC
___ Meet Jewish people who live nearby
___ Meet religious school classmates/families
___ Meet people of similar age/situation
___ Celebrate Shabbat

Please indicate what you would like to do with your Chavurah (check all that apply)
☐ Holiday Celebrations    ☐ Movies/Theatre
☐ Adult Social Activities ☐ Discussion Groups
☐ Shabbat Celebrations   ☐ Religious Study
☐ Travel to Places of Jewish Interest ☐ Attend Religious Services
☐ Community Service      ☐ Participate in Temple Events/Activities
☐ Activities w/Children  ☐ Religious Study
☐ Sports

Other ________________________________

What size Chavurah would you prefer?
☐ Small (4-5 families)  ☐ Medium (5-7 families)
☐ Large (7-10 families) ☐ Not sure

Is there anything else we should know before we match you with a group (dietary restrictions, allergies, pet issues, special needs, etc.)?

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Do you envision gatherings in each other’s homes or outside the home? If at home, what’s the maximum number of people you would feel comfortable hosting in your home?

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Please describe your interests and hobbies.

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Have you been involved with other Chavurah groups? What do you think made them a success? What could have been done differently to make them more successful?

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NVHC’S CHAVURAH PROGRAM

Our program provides opportunities for adults, families, couples, or singles to build friendships and Jewish life inside and outside the synagogue. This is especially helpful for newcomers to our community.

Chavurah groups typically share similar interests, stage of life, and/or geography. Each group decides on its own blend of socializing — getting together for Shabbat, Jewish holidays, or NVHC events; participating in Jewish learning like Torah study or a book club; or taking part in social activities like movies, theater or hiking. One Chavurah may get together for adults-only dinners, while another may alternate between activities with and without children. For many, the Chavurah group becomes an extended family.

A Chavurah celebrates Jewish life — providing a wonderful shared Jewish experience. Through study, observances of holidays and festivals, socializing, and sharing of simchas (celebrations), Chavurah groups can personalize and vitalize their Jewish experiences. Chavurah members also participate together in NVHC life and in the community.

Join a Chavurah. Build Friendships.

Celebrate Jewish life in the community and at NVHC.

For more information about our Chavurah program, contact Karen Singer, prof803@gmail.com or (703) 707-0744.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Why should I belong to a Chavurah?
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How do I join a Chavurah?
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