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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HAVUROT

WHAT IS A HAVURAH?

A Havurah is a group of 10-12 singles, couples or families (up to 20 individuals) who get together on a regular basis in members' homes to study together, to socialize and to celebrate Jewish life. All members of the Havurah make a commitment to the group to meet once a month.

WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF A HAVURAH?

Getting to know people in a larger congregation can be intimidating for some. A Havurah is an excellent way to become acquainted with others who have similar interests. For years CABI members (especially new members) have found that by joining a Havurah they have developed an extended family. Havurah members can be counted on to celebrate lifecycle events and holidays together and, if necessary, provide comfort and support during times of sadness, illness and loss.

WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DOES A HAVURAH DO?

It's up to you! Your group can enjoy a Shabbat dinner together, have a Hanukkah party, build a Sukkah, even go camping if you're so inclined. Each Havurah determines the types of activities it wants. Some involve children and some do not. You can ask one of our Rabbis to attend one of your monthly meetings to discuss a variety of topics related to Jewish life. The Community and Membership committee will help with programming ideas as well.

HOW IS A HAVURAH FORMED?

After returning a completed Havurah enrollment form, you will be "matched up" with others who have similar interests, backgrounds and requests. At the first meeting of your new Havurah, a member of the Community and Membership committee will be there to help break the ice, to explain about how a Havurah functions and to give programming ideas.

WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE EVERYONE IN MY HAVURAH?

In any group of that size, there may very well be one or two you can't seem to get to know. The best advice is to stick with it! You'll be surprised what can happen over time. Some of the Havurot at CABI have been together for almost 20 years! If it's just not working out though, you can speak to a Community and Membership committee member about your options.

HOW ARE NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO A HAVURAH?

If your Havurah is in need of new members, call CABI; you will be directed to the committee chairperson who will assist you. You may also personally invite any CABI member to be part of your group. Kindly inform the Community and Membership committee chairperson of any changes in your Havurah.

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