

## How do I join?

Complete this application and return it to:  
Member Services at Temple Beth Abraham.

Applications are also available at:

[bit.ly/TBA-Chavurah](http://bit.ly/TBA-Chavurah)

Or scan the QR code:



Not sure yet?  
Want to learn more?

Contact Erica Newman, Director of  
Operations and Member Engagement  
at (914) 631-1770 or [enewman@tba-nyc.org](mailto:enewman@tba-nyc.org)



In order to be included in the  
next set of chavurah groups,  
please return your application by  
November 1. New groups will be  
formed by Chanukah.

Additional groups will be formed  
as new applications are received.

## What is a chavurah?

A chavurah is a small group of temple members who are brought  
together based on common interests.

A chavurah group is made up of individuals and/or families who  
usually get together monthly at each others' homes or chosen  
destinations inside and outside the synagogue.

### What kinds of things does a Chavurah do?

It's up to you! Your group can enjoy  
Shabbat together, have a Chanukah  
party, participate in outdoor activities,  
go to the movies, engage in a mitzvah  
project, have guest speakers.....  
whatever works for your group.

A guidebook of suggestions  
is available.

## How will the groups be formed?

Chavurot are formed based on  
demographics and interests, with a  
goal of forming new friendships.

You will be placed in a chavurah as  
soon as enough applications are  
received to create a group that  
is appropriate for you.

# Temple Beth Abraham Chavurah Program

CHAVURAH (chah-vuh-rah)  
pl. chavurot; from the Hebrew  
word "chaver" meaning  
1. group of friends  
2. a Jewish fellowship;  
especially an informal  
one that meets regularly.



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The Chavurah Program is available to members of Temple Beth Abraham and provides a wonderful way to get to know others and to build lasting friendships with fellow synagogue members.

*It is one of the many ways to enhance your experience as a temple member.*

*When I joined a chavurah at my former temple, it entirely changed the way my family felt about our large congregation. Our group of six families got together every month for some type of activity. One month might be apple picking, one month a Chanukah party, one month a hike, another month a Passover seder. At temple services or gatherings we had a new built-in group of friends to share the event with. Over time we became lifelong friends, and 18 years later, long after we moved to NY, we still attend each others' bar/bat mitzvahs, milestone birthdays and other celebrations.*

*-TBA member*

*To me, a chavurah is a group of families who have fun together. I like being in a chavurah because I get to know and become friends with other kids. A chavurah is a great way to learn more about people who I know a little bit. I have gone bowling with my chavurah, and we had a chavurah Chanukah party. I am glad that the temple is doing this program, because it is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends.*

*TBA member age 10*

Adult(s)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren):  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I/We would like a chavurah composed of:  
(check all that apply)

- ☐ Family - including children in all activities.
- ☐ Family - including children in some activities.
- ☐ Adults
- ☐ Those who identify as Women only
- ☐ Those who identify as Men only
- ☐ Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

If appropriate groups are possible, would you want to participate in two different types of chavurot?

☐ Yes ☐ No

I/We are interested in participating in the following activities: (Circle your interest level)

Family-Oriented

High Medium Low No Interest

Social and Cultural

High Medium Low No Interest

Study and Discussion

High Medium Low No Interest

Shabbat and Holiday Observance

High Medium Low No Interest

Do you prefer a close match in age and/or pronouns with your children?

Age ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pronouns ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there anything else you'd like us to know or use in the matching process?

(such as: interfaith family, LGBTQIA+ family member(s), Hebrew speaking, special needs, no local extended family, etc.)

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