

Gates Proposed. Questions, Answers and Opportunities for Comment.

A Message from the Gate Resolution Work Group

On December 12, 2023, the Gate Resolution Work Group (GRWG) including Joel Bettridge, Makom Cluster lead; Ben Walters, Co-Chair of the Safety Committee; and David Kertzner, Co-President, along with staff members Adela Basayne, Rachel Pollak and Carrie Kirschner proposed that the Havurah Steering Committee approve the installation of a gate in the courtyard entrance walkway and one at the Kearney Street exit.

[Read the Gate Proposal](#)

[Read a Q&A about the Gate Proposal](#)

Opportunities for members to ask questions and comment in advance of Steering voting on the proposal on January 9, 2024 include the last of three community-wide hybrid meetings (at Havurah and on Zoom) on January 4 at 7 p.m. The GRWG has also reached out to committees and groups who use the building regularly. Contact [David Kertzner](#) with questions.

The proposal is the culmination of, first, the Courtyard Task Force and, later, the GRWG over twenty months in meetings, research, and conversations with experts and Havurah leaders, staff, and membership. Articles about activity in the courtyard and safety have appeared in Hakol. See [December 2022](#); [February 2023](#); [April 2023](#); and [July 2023](#).

If the proposal passes, installation will take place in early 2024.

We appreciate the efforts of our community to respond to this proposal and we will continue to work hard to ensure that our courtyard reflects the care we feel for our Havurah community and the neighborhood we belong to.