

Questions to Consider Before Planning a Havurah-Hosted Activity

Havurah's mission is "to provide a vibrant, diverse, engaged Jewish community. Steeped in Jewish values, Havurah Shalom promotes spirituality, learning, and acts of social responsibility."

GOALS

What are the goals of the activity? How do they relate to [Havurah's mission and long range plan](#)? What will the Havurah community gain from planning, implementing and taking part in the activity? Which area does the activity fit with?

- Kehillah: Community & Culture
- Avodah: Spiritual Life & Religious Practice
- Limud: Education & Life Long Learning
- Tikkun Olam: Social Justice
- Hadracha: Leadership & Governance, including fostering confidence/empowering *vis a vis* Judaism or Jewish life

IMPLEMENTATION

- Who will make the activity happen?
- Will there be expenses associated with this activity? What funds have been budgeted for it? (Check with the sponsoring committee or with Karen Westerman if no committee is hosting.)
- Calendaring & Logistics
- Promoting & Communicating
- Facility Arrangements

REFLECTION

Questions to consider afterward:

- Why did people attend the activity? What were they looking for?
- What was revealed/discovered/learned?
- Why is this important for Havurah's mission?
- What implications does it have in terms of directing our resources in the future?

EXAMPLES

Some examples of activities that Havurah members might ask these questions about: Holiday celebrations, special Shabbat services, and guest speakers.