

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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies/Theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat Celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel to Places of Jewish Interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Religious Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Temple Events/Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities w/Children | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | |
| Other _____ | |

What size Chavurah would you prefer?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small (4-5 families) | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (5-7 families) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large (7-10 families) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |

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

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?

Please describe your interests and hobbies.

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?

Chavurah groups will be organized as soon as enough applications are received to form a new group or if there is an opening in an existing Chavurah that fits your needs.


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Request to Join a Chavurah

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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

When and where does a Chavurah meet?

A Chavurah usually meets once a month. It might meet in the homes of the members or wherever a particular activity is taking place. Each group decides on the most convenient dates and times. The programs are self-directed. Responsibility for activities rests with the members of the Chavurah.

How large is a Chavurah?

Chavurot vary in size, based on the desires of its members. Some are small with four or five families; others have as many as eight or more families. It is recommended that the groups have no more than 10 families.

Why should I belong to a Chavurah?

A Chavurah provides a unique opportunity for **friendship, involvement, self-growth**, and for a **feeling of true belonging**. It is a chance for members with common interests to get to know each other **outside the synagogue**, yet it is designed to **build relationships** within the synagogue.

How do I join a Chavurah?

Please complete the Request to Join a Chavurah form on the next panel, or visit nvhcreston.org/connect/social-groups/chavurot to register online. New Chavurot are formed on the basis of age, children, spheres of interest, etc. Chavurah groups will be organized as soon as enough applications are received.

Name _____ Age _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email(s) _____

Phone (mobile home) _____

Marital Status

- Married/Domestic partner Single
 Divorced Widowed

Name of Spouse/Significant other _____ Age _____

Children's Names Sex Age Birthday Live w/you?

What type of Chavurah would you like to participate in?
 (check all that apply)

- Adult Singles
 Senior Singles
 Adult Couples
 Senior Couples
 Singles w/Children under 6
 Couples w/Children under 6
 Singles w/Children 6-12
 Couples w/Children 6-12
 Singles w/Teens
 Couples w/Teens
 Interfaith Couples
 Grandparents/Parent/Grandchildren
 Varied types & ages
 Other _____

Have you already made contact with one or more people who would like to be in the same Chavurah but are looking for additional members to round out the group? Please list them here and ask them to complete a form as well. Or, is there an existing Chavurah you would like to join? Yes No

