



TBT CONNECTIONS INTEREST FORM

Small groups are an excellent way to foster deeper friendships and a stronger congregational community. TBT offers many paths to connecting with other members in meaningful ways. Join a Chavurah, an Affinity Group, or both!

Date: _____

Adult 1:

Adult 2:

Children living at home: _____

NAME

AGE

Adult 1

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Adult 2

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I prefer to be matched in a **Chavurah** with other members by demographics _____
 (Examples: Adult-focused - no kids; Families with young children; Families with older kids/teens; Seniors; Empty-Nesters; Young Adults, etc.)

Please describe what YOU are looking for:

I prefer to be matched in an **Affinity Group** with other members by shared interest _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday / Shabbat celebrations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movie/Theatre and culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Torah Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tikkun Olam/ Social Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People in my neighborhood/area | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending sporting events/playing sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interfaith Focus | <input type="checkbox"/> Biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Jewish issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Board/table games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |

Other: _____

I'd volunteer to help organize a first meeting: _____



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What does “Chavurah” mean?

The word “chavurah” (chavurot is plural) comes from the Hebrew word “Chaver”, meaning friend.

What is a Chavurah?

A Chavurah is a group of approximately 6-10 families or up to 20 individuals who get together on a regular basis to celebrate Jewish life. The difference between a Chavurah and any other social group is that all members must make a commitment to the group to meet regularly, usually at least once a month. To participate in a group, you must be in good standing as TBT members.

What does a Chavurah do?

It's up to you! Your group can enjoy Shabbat together, have a Chanukah party, build a sukkah, participate in outdoor activities, go to movies, participate in Tikkun Olam projects, have guest speakers at your gatherings, go on a trip... each group determines the types of activities it wants...some involve children, some do not.

What is an Affinity Group?

An Affinity Group, or Interest Group, offers the chance to connect with other TBT members through shared hobbies, activities, or topics. We are offering several suggestions for getting started, but feel free to suggest your own. These groups will cross demographic lines and bring together individuals with a common interest within the TBT community.

What is the advantage of a Chavurah or Affinity Group?

Getting to know people in a larger congregation can be intimidating for some. A small group like a Chavurah or Affinity Group is a terrific way to get connected with your Temple community, essentially creating a small community within the larger one.

What if I don't connect with everyone in my group?

In any group, there may very well be people you connect with more than others. Stick with it! Relationships and people change and you may find new connections in the same group over time! BUT: If the group is just not working out for you, you contact a member of the Chavurah/Connections Committee by emailing tbtchavurot@gmail.com to discuss other options.

Please return this form to:

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