



July 20, 2010

Dear Members:

Here in the midst of summer, we begin preparing for the upcoming High Holidays, which provide time and space to reflect on the past year and usher in 5771. We hope that you will join us in reflecting upon our year as a community, as well.

We sang, prayed, ate, and danced together at our Fourth Friday Shabbats and learned together at our monthly Saturday Learning Shabbat services. We celebrated and reflected together at the Sukkot Retreat, ate latkes and lit candles for Hanukkah, observed the second seder as a community, and studied well into the night of Shavuot. We completed our first year with a paid rabbinic student intern, Aura Ahuvia, and we benefitted from the care and skill of our events coordinator, Jen Cohen, while increasing the involvement of lay leaders and participants. Our Mitzvah Corps delivered meals and visited those in need of companionship. Our Beit Sefer school continued to grow, and we celebrated four B'nai Mitzvot with our largest group ever on the horizon. Our High Holiday services allowed us to participate, learn, and worship together while still creating a space for personal reflection and introspection.

We have been quite busy.

We each chose to join the Havurah for different reasons, and while none of us chooses to participate in every program, we all benefit from the diverse opportunities to learn, pray, celebrate, and serve. Our Values Statement explicitly states that our Havurah is a shared responsibility, and that our efforts to meet that responsibility enrich our community. One aspect of shared responsibility is financial – ensuring the resources necessary to support our programmatic, staffing, and facilities needs.

The degree of financial contribution from each member is voluntary and based on your means. You decide the amount to give. This year we are asking each household to contribute in the range of \$600 to \$1,200, if possible, to support our increased costs and programming and to assist those who cannot contribute as much. Even though the AARH maintains a policy of not turning anyone away, we ask you to consider a contribution at the upper end of your comfort level, so that we can maintain and enhance the Hav's efforts to offer a wide array of programs, a hallmark of our community.

Thank you for your participation. Our community would not be what it is without you.

Respectfully yours,
Havurah Board of Directors

Audrey Newell, Chair Shari Fox, Co-Chair Mark Schneyer, Secretary Keith Kurz, Treasurer
Marcy Epstein Debbie Zivan Sarai Brachman Shoup Sally Fink

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

July 1, 2010 (5770) to June 30, 2011 (5771)

Your Contact Information:

Names <i>(as you wish them to appear in the directory)</i>	Please include birth dates of children after their names
Address	
Phone Number(s)	
Email address(es)	

Please help us know what types of programs you find most interesting. Check all in which you would likely participate.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Shabbat Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitzvah Corps (assisting others in Havurah)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Shabbat Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interfaith programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Learners' Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint programs with other Jewish congregations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kabbalah/Spirituality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion or study groups on Jewish topics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Service/Tikkun Olam	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guest speakers on Jewish topics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social gatherings for families	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guest speakers on topics related to Havurah values
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social gatherings for adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs for children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Jewish education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs for teens
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish holiday celebrations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday morning educational and/or social programs for adults

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FORM

July 1, 2010 (5770) to June 30, 2011 (5771)

Name(s): _____

Membership Contribution:

- \$600 to \$1,200: This range allows you to choose the amount of your donation. We hope that if you are able, you will consider donating for others in our community who cannot give as much this year.
- \$50: Student rate.
- All contributions are fully tax-deductible.
- What if my circumstances limit the amount I can pay? It really is okay. We do not want anyone's financial status to be an obstacle to membership. Simply give what you can.
- What if I feel able to give more? Any extra that you wish to contribute will be appreciated in a year when others may not be able to give as much.
- What if I have questions about my amount of giving or would like to make a pledge and pay over time? If you would like to discuss your situation, please contact Keith Kurz, Treasurer (734-930-0923, kkurz@ubemachinery.com).

My **membership** donation for the year will be \$_____.

Make checks payable to: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah

Mail membership information and contribution forms, along with your payment to:

AARH
PO Box 7451
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Thank you! The Havurah is grateful for your contribution.