



July 20, 2011

Dear Members:

Here we are enjoying another summer in Ann Arbor – shopping at the Kerrytown Farmer’s Market, admiring the peonies in Nichols Arboretum, biking along the Huron River, and enjoying the music, movies, and treats at Top of the Park. This season reminds us daily of why we love living in this community.

For most of us, another reason we love Ann Arbor is our community within the community: the Havurah. The Havurah brings us together to celebrate, to pray, to sing, to mourn, to learn, to dance, and to eat. This past year, we also came together to define the vision for our future and found that while there are opportunities for collective growth, in many regards, we like what we have and just want to get us more of that. Not a bad place to be, one we arrived at because of the contributions of so many Havurah members.

We each chose to join the Havurah for different reasons, and while none of us choose 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

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

July 1, 2011 (5771) to June 30, 2012 (5772)

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, 2011 (5771) to June 30, 2012 (5772)

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 Jeff Basch, Treasurer (734-223-6377 or jdbasch@yahoo.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.