
Becoming a Member

Our group is constantly evolving and eager for new members and new ideas. We pride ourselves in creating a warm and interesting community of people committed to sharing, learning and supporting each other.

If you want to see our calendar of events or learn more about us, check www.havurattikvah.org or contact our Membership Committee:



Financial Dues

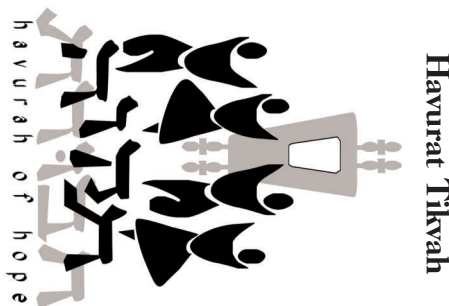
Traditionally, every Jew is responsible for maintaining the Jewish community, according to her or his resources. As an inclusive group, Havurat Tikvah affirms the value of being financially accessible to all, yet wants to give everyone the opportunity — and dignity — of contributing.

Our range of suggested membership dues includes a minimal donation option. Members are asked to give freely from the heart. Dues cover our basic operating expenses and include High Holy Days admission. Dues can be paid in installments. Religious School fees are separate from annual dues.

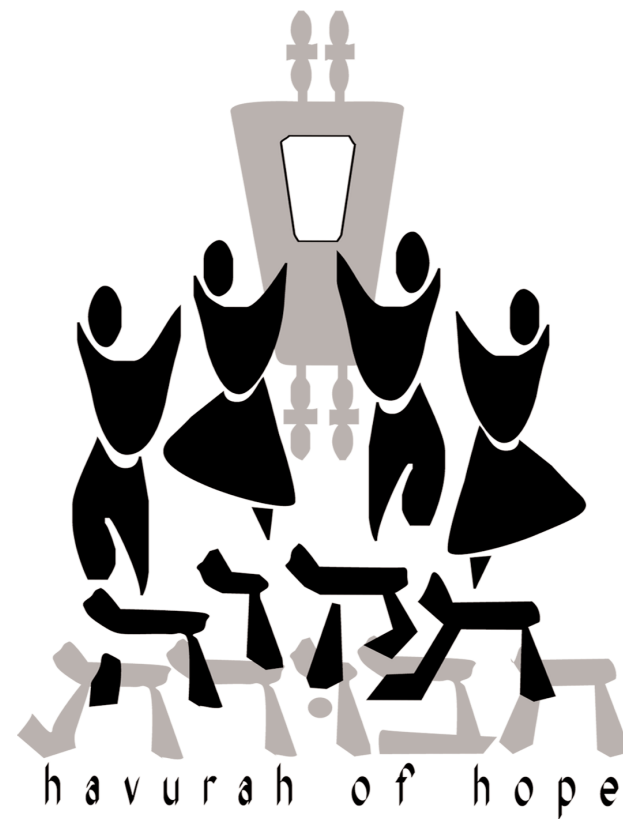


Meeting in Dilworth

Havurat Tikvah religious services and other events take place in Charlotte's Dilworth neighborhood at the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2201 Springdale Avenue at Magnolia Avenue. We share an assembly hall, kitchen and classrooms with St. Andrews, with each group respecting the needs of the other.



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Thank you for your interest in Havurat Tikvah. We invite you to join us for upcoming events.

Identity & Mission

We are a circle of friends who get together for fellowship, Jewish worship and study, and to share our joys and sorrows. Our goal is to be inclusive, welcoming Jews of different denominations, singles, interfaith couples, children and adults of various ages and stages in life. As someone once described us, "Havurat Tikvah is like being with all your favorite relatives."

Havurat Tikvah is a member-led, egalitarian group. After 11 years as an independent organization, we affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF) in 1999.

The essence of Reconstructionism is community-building through learning, revitalization of prayer and mutual support. The movement has strong commitments *both* to tradition and to searching for contemporary meaning. It also encourages all Jews to reclaim our shared heritage and

become active participants in the building of a Jewish future.



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Inside the Havurah

Regular gatherings include:

- ✧ A full schedule of High Holiday services
- ✧ Monthly Shabbat morning services, followed by a Kiddush luncheon
- ✧ Havdalah services, coupled with adult programs
- ✧ Minyans and life-cycle special events
- ✧ Holiday celebrations: Sukkot, Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Purim and others

We frequently have an adult education class. Women gather for a Rosh Hodesh service whenever a 12-year-old girl enters her year of Bat Mitzvah study.

We have many child-friendly events, and babysitting can be provided at Shabbat and other services. Some services include a special liturgy for children.

A cooperative Religious School forms whenever we have a minimum number of children with parents who are willing to organize or teach. Other members are often available to tutor individual students. Our children study liturgy, Torah, ethics, and Hebrew to enrich their Judaic experience. We have celebrated a number of B'nai Mitzvah after preparation with Havurah tutors.

Periodically, we invite a visiting rabbi or rabbinical student to lead us in a Shabbaton or hold an out-of-town retreat in the mountains.

Events are announced in a newsletter-calendar and on our website (www.HavuratTikvah.org) and confirmed by email or telephone. As you would expect of a real Jewish organization, most of our events include food! Each household contributes a dish. Out of respect for Kashrut observance, we serve only parve, dairy or vegetarian dishes.

Tzedakah & Tikkun Olam

We encourage our membership to engage in the Jewish precepts of Tzedakah (charity), and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). Social action projects help us to fulfill these principles and provide our members with opportunities to interact with each other and with the rest of the Jewish and non-Jewish community.



Mitzvah Dues

All members participate in making our Havurah work in one of the following ways:

✧ **SERVICE LEADERS AND HOME HOSTS:** Because we do not have a permanent rabbi, we encourage you to volunteer or assist others in conducting part of a service. Although most events are held in our rented space (Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church), members invite us to their homes for adult programs, meetings or minyans on occasion.

✧ **CHICKEN SOUP AND HOSPITALITY:** Each Havurah family serves for one month per year on Chicken Soup & hospitality duty. You may be called on to coordinate support for members experiencing a birth, death, or other situations calling for gemilut hasadim (deeds of kindness).

✧ **COMMITTEE SERVICE:** We strongly encourage each household to serve on a committee or help with a major function each year.

✧ **HIGH HOLY DAYS:** Everyone who attends is asked to participate in some way.