## A CHAVURAH IS ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO ACHIEVE ON THEIR OWN.

- Rabbi Yosef Yossel Hurvitz, The Alter of Novardok

### I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A CHAVURAH FOCUSED ON:

| ☐ STUDY  | ☐ ACTS OF KINDNESS  |
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| I would like to STUDY in a chavurah with:  | I would like to perform ACTS OF KINDNESS in a chavurah with:  |
| ☐ Families ☐ Families With Young Children ☐ Women - All Ages ☐ Women - Ages 30-50 ☐ Women - Ages 50-65 ☐ Women - Ages 65 and over ☐ Men - All Ages ☐ Men - Ages 30-50 ☐ Men - Ages 50-65 ☐ Men - Ages 65 and over ☐ Women and Men - All Ages ☐ Women and Men - Ages 30-50 ☐ Women and Men - Ages 50-65 ☐ Women and Men - Ages 65 and over ☐ Couples - All Ages ☐ Couples - Ages 30-50 ☐ Couples - Ages 65 and over | ☐ Families ☐ Families With Young Children  ☐ Women - All Ages ☐ Women - Ages 30-50 ☐ Women - Ages 50-65 ☐ Women - Ages 65 and over  ☐ Men - All Ages ☐ Men - Ages 30-50 ☐ Men - Ages 50-65 ☐ Men - Ages 65 and over  ☐ Women and Men - All Ages ☐ Women and Men - Ages 30-50 ☐ Women and Men - Ages 65 and over  ☐ Couples - All Ages ☐ Couples - Ages 30-50 ☐ Couples - Ages 50-65 |
| I would like to STUDY texts in   | ☐ Couples - Ages 65 and over  |
| ☐ Hebrew ☐ English ☐ Hebrew or English   | I would like to PRAY in a chavurah with:  The entire congregation   |
| Name Email:  |   |

# THE WORLD STANDS UPON THREE THINGS: STUDY, PRAYER, AND ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Shimon the Righteous // Mishnah Avot 1:2

A *chavurah* is a community formed with the specific intention of striving to live a life of greater meaning and purpose. Three of the most important aspects of such a life are Study, Prayer, and Acts of Kindness, and each of these three aspects will be the focus of *chavurot* within our congregation.

#### **PRAYER**

There will only be one *chavurah* in our congregation that is focused on Prayer, and that *chavurah* is the congregation itself. Every member of the congregation is a member of this *chavurah*, which meets every day of the week.

#### **STUDY**

There will be several *chavurot* focused on Study. To join one, simply fill out the form on the other side of this sheet, return it to the office by October 15, and you will receive an email introducing you to the other members of your *chavurah*. Your *chavurah* will then determine when it would like to meet - which might be anywhere from once a month, to once a week - as well as where it would like to meet - which might be at a member's home, at the library, or even at Moriah. Your *chavurah* will then determine what it would like to study. Your *chavurah* might choose to study a particular book, like the Torah or the Talmud; or a particular subject, like Jewish History or Jewish Literature; or a particular issue like Shabbat or Kashrut. If you would like, Rabbi Kramer would be more than happy to meet with your *chavurah* to help you determine what to study and to help you get organized with the appropriate materials.

#### **ACTS OF KINDNESS**

There will be several *chavurot* focused on Acts of Kindness. To join one, simply fill out the form on the other side of this sheet, return it to the office by October 15, and you will receive an email introducing you to the other members of your *chavurah*. Your *chavurah* will then determine what Acts of Kindness it would like to perform. There are, of course, many possibilities. Your *chavurah* may decide to focus on a particular issue, such as poverty or the environment; a particular geographical area such as Chicago or Jerusalem; or a particular type of action such as volunteering or fundraising. This decision will then help your *chavurah* determine when and where it will meet. If you would like, Rabbi Kramer would be more than happy to meet with your *chavurah* to provide you with some guidance and direction.

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Every member of the congregation is encouraged to join a *chavurah*. If you are already in a *chavurah*, you are encouraged to focus the work of your *chavurah* on Study or Acts of Kindness. Additionally, all *chavurot* are encouraged to find ways to share the meaning and purpose they discover in their *chavurot* with the rest of the congregation. For more on how your *chavurah* can do this, please speak with Rabbi Kramer.

Only together is it possible for us to live the lives of meaning and purpose that we all desire.