

CREATE YOUR CONNECTION!

Do you have an idea for a group that you would like to initiate? You can receive \$1,000 per year and up to \$1,000 for program supplies to make your vision a reality.

THE HAVURAH INITIATIVE is our community's third joint program between Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) and Jewish Federation. We also partner on PJ Library and LIFE & LEGACY®.

Havurah, from the root "haver" meaning friend, is a small group that creates community by coming together to socialize, learn, celebrate, eat, pray or otherwise engage with each other.

We are looking to sponsor **10 NEW HAVUROT** with up to \$1,000/year for program expenses and supplies, and an additional \$1,000/year for each *havurah's* connector. Grants are available for up to two years.

Connectors work in partnership with havurot to recruit members, provide resources available from HGF, Jewish Federation or other sources, and complete forms and paperwork. While connectors may be Jewish professionals, they may not apply representing their employers.

To be eligible, the *havurah* must be a new initiative, with a minimum of seven people, meeting a minimum of nine times per year, share leadership among its members, and have a Jewish focus.

A few examples of possible havurot include: a Havdalah bonfire group, a challah-baking group, a Jewish-widowers group, a post *b'nai mitzvah* parent group, a Shabbat afternoon board-game group, a parents of *olim* group, and Jewish families with chickens group. The ideas are limitless.

Our goal is to create lasting social groups whose members care for one another. Successful *havurot* have been together for decades, and in 2021, we want to foster 10 more of them.

Come together with a shared interest and stay together because of a created bond.

Applications for the competitive process, along with more information, may be found on Federation's website and accepted through January 31.

Please reach out to Rob Kovach, (518) 526-6888, Amy Drucker, (518) 859-4276, or KB Goodkin, (804) 432-7179, to bounce ideas.

