



# CHAVURAH SPOTLIGHT

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This month, we feature a Chavurah that has been together for over a decade. When they began in early 2000, many of the families had toddlers. Now those kids are grown ...most have had their Bar & Bat Mitzvahs. The group is comprised of individuals and families and meets monthly.

Their main goal is to have fun. They've gone together to ice hockey and baseball games, had pool and beach parties, visited Tanaka Farms, and held great game nights. They've gone to concerts in the park, celebrated together on Fourth of July, and even held a very memorable scavenger hunt on Main Street in Seal Beach. They also attend many life cycle events together...the photo is from a recent Bat Mitzvah many in the group attended.

Over the decade, some members have come and gone yet the Chavurah has maintained a core group of members, which includes: Eileen Tobey, and the following families: Telford/Weintrab, Fetterman, Matalon (David & Sharon), Pollak/Chernila, Golden, Shinder, Metz/Korobkin, Krieger Bernstein (Adam & July), and Russell.

"I especially appreciate the closeness we share. It's like an extended family ...they always keep you in mind. When someone is not doing well, we are there for them. In good times, we are also there. We care about each other. And for those whose immediate families live far away, this Chavurah is their local family!"

~ Eileen Tobey



## What is a Chavurah?

One of the many benefits of Temple membership is to be part of a Chavurah - a group of usually about 8 to 20 people with similar backgrounds or interests.

The group defines its own schedule - most gather once a month and enjoy all kinds of festivities. Some are purely social while others also delve into Jewish topics for shared learning. It's a special way to make lifelong friends.

We will soon start a couple of new Chavurahs. If you've filled out the interest form, we'll be in touch with you very soon.

For others interested in being in a Chavurah, please let Membership Committee Member Claudia Geller know by emailing her at [gellerclaudia@aol.com](mailto:gellerclaudia@aol.com) or filling out the [Chavurah Interest Form](#).

