

## **Havurah Community Home Shabbat Gatherings**

**What?** As part of our effort to provide a Shabbat experience for our community almost every week, in addition to Shabbat services at the Havurah led either by Rabbi David or lay led, our community members open their homes to members and friends of the Havurah on a monthly basis. These gatherings are an informal opportunity to make new friends and have some good *schmoozing* time with our old friends. If you are new to the Havurah, or just checking us out, this is a great way to connect to our community and meet the widely diverse people who make up our membership. We light Shabbat candles together to bring in the light of Shabbat in community, say blessings over the wine and Challah and enjoy a meal together.

**When?** We gather at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evenings so that families with young children can easily participate, when there are no Shabbat services scheduled.

**Want to host?** If you are interested in hosting a Home Shabbat, please contact Av'Yitz Rosenberg of the Membership Committee at [alanr@rosenbergpr.com](mailto:alanr@rosenbergpr.com), who will help you to choose a date. Whether you know the blessings or not you are invited to host a home Shabbat in your home or garden. There is always someone on hand who can lead the Kiddush.

**How do I find out the date, time, location?** Home Shabbat gatherings are usually on our Havurah calendar, but once in a while they are planned after the calendar has been distributed, in which case you may check on our website for the most updated info, as well as the Havurah weekly e-mail or by calling the office at 488-7716 to listen to the recorded info. Should you wish to be added to the Havurah e-list you may contact Bari, our Office Manager at [ashlandhavurah@yahoo.com](mailto:ashlandhavurah@yahoo.com) and request that your name be added to the e-list.

**What should I bring?** These gatherings are most often Vegetarian Potluck dinners, unless otherwise noted. Please plan to bring a dish to serve 8-10 hungry people, so that there is plenty for everyone. If you don't like to cook, the Ashland Food Coop, Greenleaf Restaurant, or Market of Choices delis are great places to pick up ready-made food to contribute. If you bring dessert, don't assume someone else is bringing dinner 😊.

**Do I need to RSVP?** Most often hosts do not request an RSVP, however, please note that they sometimes prefer to know if you will be attending, so please check the announcements for individual gatherings.

**We look forward to welcoming you to one of our upcoming  
Home Shabbat Gatherings!**