

## **April 20-22, 2012 Reb Zalman and Eve Shabbaton: Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How can I reserve my place at the Shabbaton?**

Your place will be reserved at the Shabbaton once your registration and fee are received.

**Where can I find a registration form?** Registration forms are available online to download at [www.havurahshirhadash.org](http://www.havurahshirhadash.org). If you are not able to obtain a registration form from the website, call the Havurah office at (541) 488-7716 and we will mail you one or send it to you via e-mail or fax.

### **Can I register over the phone?**

We're sorry, but we are not able to register you over the phone. We are all volunteering and just don't have the people-power. You can register by mail, e-mail or FAX but your space will only be guaranteed once we have your payment. If you are still requiring assistance in registration, you may contact one of the registration coordinators listed on the registration form.

**Will I be able to register at the door?** We are expecting this event to be sold out. It is unlikely that registration will be available at the door. In the event that we have not sold out by April 10, a notice will be placed on the Havurah website to that effect.

### **Will you be sending me tickets after I register?**

We will be sending you an e-mail confirming your registration status. Any tickets, final schedule, name tags, and other information will be supplied at the door when you arrive.

### **Are there any discounts available after February 10?**

All discounts are available through February 10, 2012 only.

### **Are there any scholarships available?**

Limited work trades are available. We don't want finances to be a reason to keep anyone away, so we do have a limited number of work trade opportunities available. If you are in financial need and are willing to work 4 hours over the weekend please e-mail requests (and include reason for request) to Pam Greenblatt at [2blatts@mind.net](mailto:2blatts@mind.net) and write "work trade" in the subject line to arrange for an \$80 work trade discount. You will be notified closer to the time of the Shabbaton in regards to what exactly your work trade is. We will send you a form where you can indicate your preferences and abilities, and we will do our best to honor that when possible.

**Can I go to the Saturday night event only?** Yes. Individual tickets are available to this event for \$18.

### **Does registration for the Shabbaton include Saturday night?**

Yes. Registration includes tickets to the Saturday night event.

**Can I just come to part of the Shabbaton such as Friday evening or Saturday morning?**

No, we are so sorry, but we are only accepting registrations for the entire weekend and not for parts of the Shabbaton.

**Are Friday night services open to the public?**

Due to space limitations and the expectation that the Shabbaton will sell out, we cannot accommodate non-registered persons for Shabbat services.

**What is your policy on kids?**

Due to space limitations, all children must be registered. Children -2 years of age are free. Children ages 3-6 are welcome to sit on their parents laps or on the floor in the front of the sanctuary. The cost is \$90 per child. Children and teens from 7-18 receive a \$70 discount. Childcare will be provided during the Friday evening and Saturday morning services for an additional \$20, but not during the Saturday afternoon workshops since we need the rooms. A list of babysitters is available if you choose to obtain sitting arrangements outside of the Havurah. E-mail Ayala at [ayala@ashlandhavurah.org](mailto:ayala@ashlandhavurah.org).

**What will the Saturday workshops be?** We will list them on the website as soon as we have all the titles and descriptions ready.

**What if I have to cancel after I've registered and paid?**

There is a \$25 cancellation fee if you cancel before February 11; \$50 cancellation fee if you cancel before April 1; \$75 cancellation fee if you cancel between April 2-19.

**ACCOMODATION INFORMATION**

**Southern Oregon University Room and Board in their Dorms**

\$283 Double room, private bath or \$373 Single room, private bath

\$208 Double room, shared bath (down the hall) or \$268 Single room, shared bath (down the hall)

Rates include dinner Friday and Saturday evening, along with breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Register through Bari at [ashlandhavurah@yahoo.com](mailto:ashlandhavurah@yahoo.com)

**Ashland Springs Hotel**, 541-488-1700 or toll-free line 888-795-4545. (Good value, downtown location. Historic landmark hotel)

A block of rooms are being held until March 23, 2012. *When calling to reserve please mention group name "Havurah Shir Hadash" AND the group block booking number 801220.*

**Rates:** \$109 (Queen) - \$119 (King or Two-bedded) not including 10% Ashland city hotel tax. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

Rates do include expanded continental breakfast, discount to Waterstone Spa & Salon, wireless internet access & parking.

**Plaza Inn and Suites**, 541-488-8900 (Deluxe – the most expensive in our listing)

A block of rooms are being held until March 23, 2012. *You must call the hotel directly, mention "Havurah" and get the discounted rate.*

**Rates:** \$139 Double or Single Queen Room. Rates do not include 10% Ashland city hotel tax. Rates are for up to 2 guests - \$10 will be added for each additional guest. Rates include complimentary European Continental Breakfast, late afternoon refreshment/snack and evening cookies and milk and PB&J fixings.

**Bard's Inn**, 1-800-533-9627 (Best Western – very close to downtown Plaza)

A block of rooms are being held until March 23, 2012. ***You must call the hotel directly and secure your reservation with a credit card. Mention the “Havurah Event” and get the discounted rate.***

**Rates:** \$100 for King, \$115 for Two Queens per night. Rates do not include 10% Ashland hotel tax. Includes continental breakfast. Amenities include outdoor pool and hot tub.

## **DIRECTIONS TO ASHLAND**

**From Interstate 5 coming from North:** Get off at the first Ashland exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Go to the traffic light and turn left on Highway 99. Go through downtown Ashland. After you leave the downtown area turn left on East Main street (by the fire station) Go to the traffic light which is Mountain Avenue. Turn left onto Mountain Avenue. Go past the stop sign and over the railroad tracks. The Havurah is the second driveway on the left past the railroad tracks.

**From Interstate 5 coming from the South:** Get off at the first Ashland exit. The Freeway dumps you directly on Highway 99. Go straight several miles past Southern Oregon University. Turn right at the traffic light on Mountain Avenue. Continue on Mountain Avenue past the traffic light at East Main Street. Go past the stop sign and over the railroad tracks. The Havurah is the second driveway on the left past the railroad tracks.

## **FRIDAY AFTEROON MIKVAH**

Please find below important logistical information for all those who would like to experience the Friday afternoon Mikvah before the Shabbaton begins.

### **The Kosher Mikvah at the Jackson Wellsprings in Ashland**

On Friday, April 20 we are offering an incredible, momish gevaldt, kosher Mikvah experience in a natural hot springs (90+ degrees) to all Shabbaton attendees. Our Mikvah is located at the magical Jackson Wellsprings, located on Highway 99 in Ashland. This Mikvah is the only one of its kind in Oregon, maybe in the Northwest. You can read about the Mikvah by following this link: <http://www.jewishreview.org/local/Rogue-Valley-dedicates-Jackson-Wellsprings-Community-Mikveh>

For the fee of \$5-\$18 per person we are also offering full use of the Jackson Wellspring spa, from noon until Midnight on Friday, April 20; we encourage you to take advantage of the healing pools at the Wellsprings. Follow this link to read more: <http://www.jacksonwellsprings.com/>

## **Directions to the Jackson Wellsprings**

The address for your GPS is Jackson Wellsprings is located at 2253 Highway 99 North, in Ashland Oregon. For written directions to Jackson Wellsprings go to <http://www.jacksonwellsprings.com/directions/>

## **Important Details for you to know:**

The Woman's Mikvah will begin PROMPTLY (not Jewish standard time) at 2:00pm, ending at 3:00 pm. The Men's Mikvah will begin at 3:30pm, ending at 4:30pm. Cryise Beatty Schachter will lead the Women's Mikvah. Rabbi David will lead the Men's Mikvah. Bathing suits are optional. Bring your own towel (or two).

It is required that you sign in when you arrive and it is upon signing in that we ask for your donation of \$5-18 dollars (cash or check only; checks payable to: Havurah Shir Hadash).

There is a bit of a beautiful walk from the spa/showers to the Mikvah itself of about 300 yards (beautiful). So bring a cozy bathrobe, or you can get dressed again. The Mikvah itself is 90+ degrees, yet it may be chilly and muddy outside depending on how our Ashland weather is that day. Please come prepared with a robe or heavy cover up, & good walking shoes.

You may feel free to bring your water bottle of any type, but NO GLASS is allowed on the Wellsprings property.

We encourage you to carpool to the Mikvah from the Havurah parking lot, to join in community and to save gas; you'll be provided with Mapquest directions to the Wellsprings. It is not more than a 10 minute drive from the Havurah. Women who wish to carpool should gather at 1:30 PM, and men should meet at 3 PM in the Havurah parking lot.

Please note: Friday night Shabbat service begins at 7:30pm SHARP. Aim at getting seated in our sanctuary by 7:00 to 7:15 PM. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival has begun so if you will be patronizing one of our local restaurants, please allow plenty of time to order and eat dinner after your Mikvah, and before Shabbat service begins.

## **RSVP**

To RSVP to the Mikvah, please email Ayala Zonnenschein at [ayala@ashlandhavurah.org](mailto:ayala@ashlandhavurah.org) and please write "mikvah" in the subject line. This is not a firm commitment, but we would like to know about how many people to expect.