



Greetings! As President of the Narberth Havurah, I'm writing to welcome you to our community and to invite you to join us as a member this year.

Our Havurah is a strong and vibrant community. During the past year, we have gotten to know and love our new rabbi, Simcha Zevit. Rabbi Simcha has embraced all members of our Havurah, inviting us to create meaningful, joyous Jewish lives. We enjoyed a year of wonderful holiday celebrations and song-filled Shabbat services. Our Hebrew School reached new heights of academic purpose, organization, and camaraderie among its students, with Rabbi Simcha as teacher. Also, this spring we revised the Havurah bylaws to make our officers' work more manageable and meaningful.

The Narberth Havurah is first and foremost about the relationships among our members. We take pleasure in one another's company, and we want you with us during the coming year of joyous engagement. Please join us as a member and share in the continued vitality of the Narberth Havurah. You can find information about our membership dues and Hebrew school tuition below, as well as on our website. We try to keep these costs as affordable as possible, and we can be flexible when necessary.

Registering online is easy – just visit www.tinyurl.com/NHmembership. Or fill out the form on pages 7-8 of this packet. And invite your friends to join us too! We are an inviting, inclusive community; everyone is absolutely welcome.

If you have any questions, we'd love to speak with you. Just email or call me (contact information below) or call our Vice President, Membership and Outreach, Andrea Deutsch, at (484) 432-0279.

We look forward to celebrating with everyone, starting with a Meet and Greet on August 21 at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for current and prospective members (details coming soon). We look forward to a wonderful year with you!

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Ekert
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Rabbi Simcha Zevit was ordained in 2011 through Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal.



Her path of learning and teaching is one of connecting the inner Torah of our own hearts and souls to the written Torah and teachings of our tradition. *"There is a teaching in a core traditional text that speaks of prayer, stating that it's better to do a little with great kavannah (intention/meaning), than to do a lot without kavannah. As a rabbi, I want to help people find the inner spark of meaning and connection to their outer words, prayers, and actions (mitzvot), fanning that spark into a flame that shines brightly."*

She embraces people of all backgrounds, belief, and disbelief, encouraging them to learn, and to experiment in how to create meaningful, personally relevant, and joyful Jewish lives, while balancing their unique needs and understandings with those of the community, and with our age old tradition. *"We cannot travel this path on our own. Engaging in a Jewish community means that we all have responsibility not only for ourselves, but also for each other, and for the world we live in."*

Rabbi Simcha brings many years of experience as a Jewish educator, working with adults, teens, and children in a variety of settings. She is a ritual-maker and facilitator for traditional and creative life-cycle celebrations and transitions, an inspiring prayer and chant leader, and in addition to her teaching, community building, and life cycle work, she has spent the last several years serving as a chaplain to people of all faiths in hospital and hospice settings. She is currently a staff chaplain at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, in addition to being our rabbi.

Having recently relocated to Philadelphia from Cleveland, Ohio, Rabbi Simcha brings to us her many years of experience in building community as founder and director of a non-profit organization called HaMakom. HaMakom brought together Jews, and all who wished to learn, for teachings and spiritual practice groups such as prayer, chant, mussar (a path of refining one's character traits), Jewish yoga, and contemplative Torah study. Rabbi Simcha writes: *"The name HaMakom is from one of my favorite lines of Torah, found in Genesis (28:17), and spoken when Jacob wakes up from his dream of a ladder that reaches from earth to heaven. In the dream, God's presence touches Jacob for the first time. He wakes up from the dream and says 'How awesome is this Place (the Place is HaMakom); God was in this place, and I, I did not know it.' Something happened in HaMakom that awakened Jacob to an awareness of the holiness all around him."* Rabbi Simcha seeks to cultivate that awareness in herself and others.



The Narberth Havurah provides open-hearted Jewish engagement for individuals on their own spiritual path and for families looking for a meaningful Jewish connection.

We are best described by our members:



I am a member of the Narberth Havurah because I wanted to experience Judaism on a more personal and spiritual level.



I am a member of the Narberth Havurah because we finally have found a place where our entire family can comfortably learn about our faith and experience it first-hand.



We truly feel like we have found a home at the Narberth Havurah.

We are a community of seekers, learners, joyous celebrants and participants in contemporary Judaism. We offer two Shabbat services each month in addition to holiday celebrations and opportunities for children and adults to engage in religious study. We want to touch and feel grass-roots expressions of Judaism and the Jewish calendar. We are an open and welcoming congregation composed of a diverse group of families and individuals. We are small in numbers and mighty in purpose.

So as to keep the intimate nature of the Havurah, we deeply engage those folks who come through our doors. Our goal is to be a smart community, responsive to our members' needs and responsible for doing good work in the world. If *tikkun olam* (healing the world), engaging dialog, and exploring tradition deepen your connection to Judaism, then the Narberth Havurah will have succeeded.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

There are two parts of being a Havurah Member:

Involvement: This Havurah is YOURS, and it needs you. As a living, growing organization there are plenty of opportunities to contribute your skills, or even learn new ones, on behalf of the greater community. We are small enough that we cannot rely on someone *else* to do the work. Because of that, each person's contributions matter. This is one way we strengthen our community.

Dues + Contributions: We rely solely on member contributions to sustain operations and to provide our community with the practice of Judaism that members have all come to know, love and cherish. But, please do not assume that because we are a small, intimate community that we do not need funds. Simply put: it takes money to sustainably run the Havurah for this year and for years to come.

2016-2017 Narberth Havurah Membership Dues			
	Basic Level	Sustaining Level	Recommended Level
Family Membership <i>For members with a spouse, partner, and/or children</i>	\$850	\$1,100	\$1,350
Single Membership <i>For single members only</i>	\$475	\$650	\$950

The Narberth Havurah is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent as allowed by law.

Please consider contributing at the “Sustaining” or “Recommended” Membership Level. Pledges beyond these guidelines are welcome and will help us as we continue to grow.

Dues can be paid semi-annually with equal installments due on August 31 and December 31, 2016. We are happy to discuss alternative arrangements on a case-by-case basis.

To register, please complete and return the Membership Registration form, or register online at www.tinyurl.com/NHmembership

HEBREW SCHOOL

The Narberth Havurah proudly operates its own Hebrew School. Please refer to the Hebrew School information on the following two pages for details, available classes, and fee structure.

To reserve space for your child/children, please indicate enrollment on the Membership Registration form and include a \$100 deposit per child along with your dues payment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

These folks would love to speak with you about the Havurah. Please feel free to contact them at any time:

Member Name	Position	Phone	E-Mail
Jennifer Ekert	President	(610) 667-0684	jekert@bittingers.net
Andrea Deutsch	Vice President, Membership & Outreach	(484) 432-0279	amdeut@aol.com

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Facebook (The Narberth Havurah group) www.facebook.com/groups/222949605164/



The Narberth Havurah Hebrew School

We believe that a fun and meaningful learning environment for children is the best way to engage them as they begin their life-long journey of Jewish learning. With small class sizes and differentiated instruction, Rabbi Simcha gets to know and meets the needs of each child. Time is divided between learning Hebrew and Prayer, Torah and Jewish story/history, and contemporary Jewish rituals and holidays. Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and our Jewish values will be woven in throughout the curriculum.

We are delighted that Rabbi Simcha will again be teaching our Tuesday afternoon Hebrew school during the 2016 - 2017 school year. Rabbi Simcha has enjoyed teaching Jewish learners of all ages for the past fifteen years. As an educator, she connects the inner Torah of our own hearts and souls to the written Torah and teachings of our tradition, embracing people of all backgrounds, belief, and disbelief, and encouraging them to learn and to create meaningful, joyful Jewish lives. Rabbi Simcha brings many years of experience as a Jewish educator, working with adults, teens, and children in a variety of settings. For more information about Rabbi Simcha's background, [click here](#).

Learning with Rabbi Simcha is active and engaging, incorporating modalities such as music, art, drama, and games. Students will often work on projects and skills that can be incorporated into Jewish practice in their homes and the larger Havurah community. At several Hebrew School Friday night services, our students will lead us in prayer or song. Our vision is to empower our students to become participating members in the Jewish life of their families, the Narberth Havurah, and the larger community.

The Narberth Havurah Hebrew School currently offers classes for children in grades 2-6. If you have younger children, and are interested in a class or programming, please email Rabbi Simcha at **rabbisimchazevit@gmail.com**. Classes will meet on Tuesday afternoons, from September 20, 2016 through late May 2017, in the Parish Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 Levering Mill Road in Bala Cynwyd.

The fee structure for the Narberth Havurah Hebrew School is as follows (per student):

	Members	Non-Members*
One student:	\$750	\$900
Two students:	\$700	\$850
Three or more:	\$650	\$800

* Space permitting, non-members of the Narberth Havurah may enroll for a one-year trial, albeit at a higher fee. After the trial period, a Havurah membership will be required in order to continue enrollment in the Narberth Havurah Hebrew School.

Enrollment

To reserve space for your child/children, please indicate your interest in the Household Children section of the Membership Registration Form and include a \$100 deposit per child.

For More Information

Rabbi Simcha warmly welcomes direct inquiries about the Hebrew School; you can email her at **rabbisimchazevit@gmail.com** or call her at **(216) 402-2949**.



Membership Registration Form

Please complete and return this form or register online at www.tinyurl.com/NHmembership

Household Adults

Adult Member (A)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other _____

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Interests/Skills _____

Adult Member (B)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other _____

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Interests/Skills _____

Home Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Household Children

	Child 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Child 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Child 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Child 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
First Name				
Last Name (if different)				
Birthday				
Grade (as of Fall 2016)				
Havurah Hebrew School Enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

If you have more than four children, please attach an additional page with requested information.

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I/We pledge \$_____ for the 2016-17 membership year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)
Pledges can be paid in one or two equal payments. The first payment is due by August 31st, 2016 and the balance is due by December 31st, 2016.

- Enclosed is a check for the entire amount of \$_____ [or sent via PayPal]
- Enclosed is a check for a 50% installment payment of \$_____ [or sent via PayPal]

+ Hebrew School

To reserve space in the Narberth Havurah Hebrew School, please also include a \$100 deposit per child. Indicate enrollment by selecting YES where indicated under Household Children on the previous page.

- Hebrew School deposit: Includes \$_____ to reserve space for _____ children as indicated on the previous page

+ Siddur Fund

The Havurah is raising funds to acquire new Siddurs (Prayer Books) for our community. Please consider an additional donation of \$18 per family member towards this fund. (Purely optional and most appreciated!)

- Siddur Fund donation of \$_____

Payment Information

Please make check payable to “The Narberth Havurah” and mail it, along with this form, to:

The Narberth Havurah | PO Box 65 | Narberth, PA 19072

Or, you can submit your pledge via **PayPal** (send funds to info@narberthhavurah.org or go to www.paypal.me/narberthhavurah), or by clicking the DONATE button on our website: www.narberthhavurah.org

Please feel free to contact the members listed below should you have any questions:

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