

**Chevra Connections during a Time of Trauma:
Making your Chevra's Plan**

Small Group Discussion Outline
For Synagogue-based CKs

Question: What connections does your Chevra need to enhance or develop to support your individual members and your chevra's impact in the community in a time of trauma?

Questions for discussion:

- How can your CK best work together internally in your synagogue and with your community to be prepared for a possible time of trauma?
 - What actions can increase the connection/bond among members of your CK?
 - What is the role of the CK in your congregation? Any need to expand that?
 - Encourage discussion about death and traditional Jewish practices for death and dying? How will your CK assist your congregation in thinking about this? What are your options?
 - What are the current lines of communication and what connections will you need to foster?
 - Does your congregation/CK do shmira? If you haven't done so before, what would you need to consider in order to do so if needed after a trauma?
- Pulling together a trauma plan for the CK:
 - Role of your rabbi(s), board, and other leadership? Is there buy-in from these people regarding the role of the CK?
 - Connections with other synagogue subgroups? How to foster? Which ones?
 - Connections with other groups/agencies in the community?
 - Need to recruit new members? How?
- **What are the steps you personally need to take when you return to your communities to encourage your chevra to be prepared?**

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