



Congregation Beth Adam MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Congregation Beth Adam is Greater Cincinnati's only congregation practicing Judaism with a Humanistic Perspective.

Congregation Beth Adam was established in 1980 in response to the needs of a contemporary and diverse Jewish community. Dedicated to the celebration of traditional Jewish holidays and life cycle events, Beth Adam approaches Judaism from a humanistic perspective. As a congregation, we affirm a moral commitment to human dignity and ethical behavior. We encourage each member to explore their Jewish heritage with an open mind and a willingness to take personal responsibility in determining their life course.

Beth Adam provides Jewish experiences through religious services, child and adult education programs, Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes, social activities, and community social action programs.

Lauren F. Werber, Rabbi
Robert B. Barr, Founding Rabbi Emeritus

CONGREGATION BETH ADAM MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

MISSION

Congregation Beth Adam is a unique community integrating Jewish tradition and humanistic principles.

VISION

Congregation Beth Adam is a spiritual home, a meaningful voice, and a humanistic resource for people worldwide, seeking a contemporary Jewish identity and experience.

CORE VALUES

- We value humanistic principles of responsibility and origin of authority that rests with each individual
- We value learning opportunities that support members' connection with their Jewish heritage
- We value open-mindedness and respect for differing views
- We value discerning intellectual inquiry that thoughtfully questions and explores Jewish text and other sources of wisdom
- We value acknowledgement of each congregant's religious and spiritual journey supported through our unique liturgy
- We value evolving to meet the needs of our growing congregation and a changing Jewish community
- We value nurturing connection and building community with each other as Jews and with all humanity
- We value community engagement and social justice that is responsive to the ever-changing world

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. ANNUAL COMMITMENT

The annual commitment for each member has multiple parts as described below. Fees are due upon billing and must be paid no later than June 30 of each fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30. Payments may be tax deductible — we suggest that you contact your tax advisor for more information.

1. Base Membership Fee

A flat, base membership fee is charged per year, for each adult member; there is no membership charge for children (under the age of 23). These fees cover only about 50% of operating expenses. In order to ensure access to all, we offer a reduced fee to anyone who cannot afford the base fee. Customized arrangements may be made by contacting the congregational Treasurer or Executive Director. Membership fees may also be paid on line.

2. Annual Contribution Campaign (ACC)

The annual contribution campaign is revenue from member donations that we solicit every year in the fall, following High Holidays. This represents the second largest source of revenue for Beth Adam, closing the gap between operating costs and revenue provided by base membership fees. It is the hope that all members contribute to the ACC.

C. DONATION AND TRIBUTE FUNDS

There are specifically allocated funds when memorializing or honoring loved ones and friends. These contributions will be recognized with an acknowledgement letter. Contact the office for more information or donate through our drop down menu on our website — bethadam.org.

- Rabbis' Discretionary Fund — This fund is used by the Rabbi to further the goals and mission of Congregation Beth Adam.
- General Fund — Donations help to offset the costs of operating the congregation in order to fulfill the mission of Beth Adam.
- Library Fund — Donations go to purchase books, periodicals, and other materials for our library.
- Publications Fund — Donations go to support the cost of publishing our own liturgy and online resources.

EDUCATION/RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

EDUCATION

Available to members and children of members.

Religious School — Our Village

Curriculum that celebrates Jewish identity, history, values and the challenge of being Jewish in a diverse, modern world. Open to children 3 – 14 years of age. Meets Sunday mornings, September through May. There is an annual enrollment fee per child.

Registration and payment should be completed before the start of each school year.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

Students prepare for Bar/Bat Mitzvah through class work, Hebrew study and guided independent study. Open to children 11 years or older who are currently enrolled in Religious School. The program is two years in length and classes meet on Religious School Sundays from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. The annual fee should be paid at the start of the school year.

Teens

Older students share and explore ideas, values, and ethics in adult-led discussions within a relaxed and social forum. They also meet for community action projects and social activities. Open to students who have completed their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or who are in grades 8 – 12.

Adult Education

While children attend classes, adults gather for lively and spirited discussion exploring the Jewish experience and contemporary issues, led by Rabbi Werber and a wide array of guest speakers. Open to adult members at no charge. Meets on Sunday mornings during Religious School.

Other adult classes and discussion groups meet occasionally on mid-week evenings. Information about upcoming classes is available at the congregation office and in our weekly on line "Upcoming Events" email. Open to adult members at no charge.

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Please return this completed form to the congregation's office.

At Beth Adam, adults join as individuals. Please list each adult applying for membership. No additional membership fees are required for children under age 23.

Adult Applicant #1

Preferred Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home/Main Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____
 E-mail: _____

Adult Applicant #2

Preferred Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home/Main Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____
 E-mail: _____

Please provide the following information about each family member:

Preferred Name	Preferred Pronoun	Relationship	Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY	Occupation/ School	Wedding Anniversary (If applicable) MM/DD/YYYY
		SELF			

May we print your names, birthdays, and anniversaries in our newsletter? YES NO

Yahrtzeit/Memorial Data

Name	Relationship	Date of Death MM/DD/YYYY

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What is your religious background?

Name (adults)	Humanistic	Orthodox	Conservative	Reform	Non-Affiliated	Other

Please list previous organizational involvement:

My/Our expectations from Beth Adam:

How did you hear about Beth Adam? _____

I/We would like to help in the following areas:	Adult Member Name	Adult Member Name
Choir/Music		
Education: Youth		
Education: Adult		
Facility (set-up, clean-up, gardening, other)		
Fundraising		
Member Support		
Membership		
Office Volunteer		
Social Action/Justice		
Soup Kitchen		
Usher		
Women of Beth Adam		

Please list any other significant information:

May we use your photographs on our websites? Beth Adam respects privacy and would not use names.

YES NO

Completing this application is an affirmation that I support the mission and values of Congregation Beth Adam.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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