

Beit Ahavah Membership and Dues Information

The Beit Ahavah community is pleased that you are considering becoming a member! Membership benefits include involvement in all Beit Ahavah services and events; life cycle events and spiritual direction facilitated by our Rabbi; invitations to High Holyday services; monthly receipt of *Reform Judaism* magazine; access to our community's religious and Hebrew school program; opportunities for adult education; involvement with our social justice projects and our meaningful committees and programs; and much more. In addition, as a member, you become part of and help shape a vibrant and growing Reform Jewish community in the Pioneer Valley.

Beit Ahavah relies on its members for financial survival and growth. Members' individual financial support payments, even at their current levels, do not cover the full operating costs of the community. We urge you to consider making the greatest payment possible. However, **please note that Beit Ahavah is committed to welcoming all participants, regardless of ability to pay; no one will ever be turned away due to lack of funds.** Please feel free to contact Beit Ahavah if you have any further questions about membership information.

The Board of Directors has set the following minimum financial support levels for 2009-2010:

First Year Memberships:

Individual (18 years of age or older)	\$625
Family (2 adults at the same address with or without children)	\$1000
Single Parent Head of Household	\$850

Second Year and Beyond:

Individual (18 years of age or older)	\$900
Family (2 adults at the same address with or without children)	\$1300
Single Parent Head of Household	\$1050

Dual Memberships:

Dual memberships apply only to members who are paying members of another synagogue.

Dual Individual (18 years of age or older)	\$625
Dual Family (2 adults at the same address with or without children)	\$900
Dual Single Parent Head of Household	\$725

Student Memberships:

Individual	\$75
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We encourage members who feel they can afford to do so to make Sponsor Support Contributions above the basic levels.

PAYMENT SCHEDULES

Beit Ahavah has a number of payment schedules available. Please see the *Financial Support Computation* page for details on each one.

Member Details

Names of adults in the household	Email Address

Names of children in the household	Age

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Primary home phone (with area code): _____

We prefer to send communications via email to save resources. If you do not have email or would prefer important communication sent via U.S. mail, please indicate that here:

I prefer U.S. mail rather than email

Beit Ahavah occasionally shares membership information with Pioneer Valley Jewish organizations when permission is granted. Would you like your information shared?

YES

NO

Please detail any special needs with which Beit Ahavah may be of assistance or anything else you would like to share with us:

Would any of your parents, grandparents, or friends like to receive notice of Beit Ahavah events, and/or the Newsletter? If so, please provide the name(s) and address(es) below.

Volunteering

For Beit Ahavah to operate most fruitfully, every member must contribute in some way. Volunteering is the best way to get to know other Beit Ahavah members and feel part of the community. It is also essential for keeping our community vibrant and alive. Volunteering can mean helping plan a holiday event, assisting a family in need, organizing a Havdalah gathering, serving on a committee, or cleaning up after Shabbat services. New volunteers will get plenty of guidance as they take on new roles and learn the ropes.

Please indicate how you can contribute your time and energy to Beit Ahavah by checking the boxes below.

I am interested in the following short-term volunteer opportunities:

- Usher during Shabbat services
- Help set up or clean up for services
- Host an Oneg Shabbat
- Provide food for events
- Teach at an adult education event on the following topic:
- Volunteer at Beit Ahavah's school
- Help plan a holiday celebration or event
- Join the High Holyday Committee
- Plan a fundraising event
- Teach in the school on the following topic:

Other:

I am interested in the following Beit Ahavah committees:

- Chesed:** The Chesed Committee responds to the needs of members who are going through a crisis or life change (birth or adoption of a child, illness, death in the family, etc). Chair: Judith Fine (584-5739, judith.fine@comcast.net).
- Education:** The Education Committee is responsible for overseeing the development and operations of all child, family, and adult education, including the Beit Ahavah Community School. Chair: Andrew Bourke (585-8678, ambourke@comcast.net).
- Membership:** The Membership Committee is responsible for fostering membership growth. The committee is also responsible for presenting Beit Ahavah to the community at large and promoting the congregation's events. Co-Chairs: BethAnn Albro-Fisher (586-1225, albro.fisher@gmail.com) & Ellen Goldsmith (586-4706, ellengoldsmith@comcast.net).
- Prayer & Practice:** The Prayer & Practice Committee is responsible for issues that pertain to religious practice, including the structure and content of our Tefillah (prayer), the selection of prayer books, High Holyday services coordination, holiday celebrations and observances, guidelines for B'nai Mitzvah celebrations, etc. Chair: Kenny Hahn (586-8688, kmhahn@comcast.net).
- Tzedek/Social Justice:** Doing Social Justice work together is a tenet of our community. We are reformulating how we to achieve this at Beit Ahavah. To be part of the Tzedek/Social Justice and Social Action initiative at Beit Ahavah, please indicate here. Chair: TBD, contact the Beit Ahavah office.
- Finance:** The Finance committee is responsible for monitoring ongoing revenues and expenditures, and for proposing, refining, and modifying our operational budget throughout the year. Chair: Sam Levitt (585-8389, sam@69Lyman.com).
- Fundraising & Development:** The Fundraising and Development Committee is responsible for developing and organizing fundraising and development campaigns for the Beit Ahavah Community. Chair: Don Frank (586-3291, DonFrank@FrankLawOffices.com).

Financial Support Computation

Family Name: _____

Family Status: (Ind., SHOH, or Family—also note if this is your first year): _____

Please circle financial support amount to be paid:

Basic Levels	Individual	Single Head of Household	Family
Student: \$75	1 st Year	\$625	\$850
	2 nd Year and after	\$900	\$1050
	Dual	\$625	\$725

If electing a dual member status, please indicate the name of the other synagogue to which you pay financial support: _____

Basic Financial Support..... \$ _____

Sponsor Support (contribution above basic financial support)

\$180 - \$360 - \$540 - \$900 – Other \$ _____

Sponsor support is set in increments of \$180 because, in Hebrew numerology, the letters in the word “Chai” (life) corresponds to the number 18. Of course, a contribution in any amount is greatly appreciated.

Total Financial Support..... \$ _____

- I/we agree to make one financial support payment due **on July 31, 2009**.
- I/we agree to make 3 payments with 50% of the total due **on or before July 31**, 25% due **on October 15** and 25% due **on February 15**. I/we understand that Beit Ahavah will bill me/us for the balances due. (If paying by credit card, see Credit Card Information below.)
- I/we will set up monthly payments using online payments through my bank or will send monthly checks to the office.
- I/we will set up monthly payments for **dues only** through PayPal at www.beitahavah.org/membership.html.
- I/we wish Beit Ahavah to bill our credit card for the **total amount due** over a 10 month period. (See Credit Card Information below.)
- I/we agree to make payments as follows (Please detail dates and amounts): _____

Signature of Congregant(s) _____

Total financial support payment enclosed..... \$ _____

Return this form with checks payable to Beit Ahavah to: **Beit Ahavah, P.O. Box 28, Northampton, MA 01061.**

Financial support payments are considered contributions to Beit Ahavah and thus may be considered a tax-deductible contribution. In January 2010, we will send you a letter stating the total amount contributed to Beit Ahavah for 2009. Only payments made prior to December 31, 2008 will be eligible to qualify for tax deductibility for tax-year 2009.

Abatement Form

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NOTE: If paying financial support according to a schedule (e.g. monthly,) would make a difference in your ability to pay, please feel free to do so. We just ask that you contact the office about setting up a payment plan.

I/We are only able to pay \$ _____ at this time, for this fiscal year.

Therefore, I/we are requesting a reduction in the amount of \$ _____.

If my/our financial situation changes I/we will be glad to consider making additional contributions to Beit Ahavah.

Signature of Congregant(s): _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

I/we wish to have the credit card listed below billed monthly for my/our total due. I understand that all outstanding balances must be paid by 6/30/2010.

Card type: MC VISA American Express Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

If you wish to pay monthly by Online Bill Pay, contact your bank to see if they offer online services. If you have questions about setting it up, contact Beit Ahavah's Treasurer, David Cooper, at treasurer@beitahavah.org or 230-8983.