



# Beit Ahavah

*The Reform Synagogue of Greater Northampton*

## Membership Renewal Packet

**Welcome!** Beit Ahavah is a dynamic and progressive Reform Jewish community welcoming new and returning members. Our membership nurtures and impacts progressive, engaging and meaningful Jewish experiences throughout the life of our congregation and beyond.

**This year is for Kulanu - All of Us Together.** We are excited to embark again on creating Jewish community together -- in extraordinary times. We bring our passion, creativity, and dedication to healing and recreating our Jewish traditions during these times -- with Shabbat and musical services, an uplifting High Holydays experience on the horizon, meaningful holiday celebrations, energizing adult programming and learning, social justice and tikkun olam (healing the world), family, youth and teen involvement. We look forward to expanded family and youth involvement in RUACH community school programs, B'nei Mitzvah journeys, teen events, Tot Shabbat, life-long learning and new ideas.

Beit Ahavah thrives when we come together - for community, life cycle events, spirituality, learning, building and fostering connections with our rabbi - Rabbi Riqi Kosovske, and with each other and all who seek enlivening connection. Beit Ahavah is a proud member of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), involved with innovating Judaism for these times and doing *Tikkun Olam* - healing the world. **Beit Ahavah is fueled by the love, talent and creative investment of each of our community member. Thank you for being part of Beit Ahavah.**

**L'shalom, peace,**

Rabbi Riqi Kosovske

*Board of Directors 2020-21:*

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## Member Contact Information

Adults in the household	Email Addresses:



Names of family members including children	Age/Grade (including if in college)

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phones (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERENCES:**

-  To save earthly and financial resources, and in keeping with Jewish values of conservation, Beit Ahavah prefers to send most communications electronically. 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.**
- *Beit Ahavah may share a Member Directory among members for connection with each other. Please check here if you prefer to opt out of having your information in this directory.*  **OPT OUT**
- Beit Ahavah occasionally shares membership information with Jewish organizations our congregation is part of, such as Jewish Federation, PJ Library (young families), NFTY-Northeast (teens), Union for Reform Judaism. May we share your information?  **YES**  **NO**
- Are additional grandparents, parents, relatives, co-workers or friends interested to receive notice of Beit Ahavah events, and/or the biweekly “Beit Ahavah Highlights” e-newsletter? **Please share names and emails:**  
\_\_\_\_\_
-  Beit Ahavah staff and members may take photos for promotion (such as Highlights, religious school news, website, yearly slide show, Beit Ahavah Facebook page and social media, etc.).  
 **Check if you DO NOT want photos of you (or your family) to be used for these purposes.**

## Volunteering

**Each person makes a difference.** Beit Ahavah thrives with active participation and creativity. Volunteering is a wonderful way to get to know and feel part of the community. Volunteering can mean helping plan a holiday event, assisting a family in need, reading Torah at services, mentoring a student, organizing a Havdalah gathering, serving on a committee, cleaning up with a crew after Shabbat services, or suggesting and organizing a speaker. Thank you!

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher and greet during Shabbat services       | <input type="checkbox"/> Help at youth and family events                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up or clean up for Shabbat services  | <input type="checkbox"/> Help plan a holiday celebration or other community event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host an Oneg Shabbat virtually                | <input type="checkbox"/> Join the High Holydays Committee                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach youth or adults on the following topic: | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan a fundraising event                                 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:   |

**Committees are a wonderful, integral part of our community, connection and leadership. “Be a mensch, join a committee.” Please check below for more information:**

- I am interested or passionate about being involved with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Chesed (“Loving kindness”).** Offers support to members during challenges, simchahs or life changes (i.e. birth or adoption of a child, illness, death in the family). Contact: Lisa Oram, [lisaoram@comcast.net](mailto:lisaoram@comcast.net).
- Education.** The YoFIE committee (“Youth & Families Involved in Education”) helps foster engaging youth, family, Tot Shabbat, B’nei Mitzvah and teen programs.
- Membership Engagement.** Engage members and foster membership growth.
- Prayer & Practice.** Engages with issues related to ritual, religious practice, Tefillah (prayer), spiritual growth. Contact: Rabbi Riqi, [beitahavah@gmail.com](mailto:beitahavah@gmail.com).
- High Holydays.** Contact: Geoff Friedman, [geoffriedman@comcast.net](mailto:geoffriedman@comcast.net).
- Tzedek Tzedek/Social Justice:** Doing social justice, mitzvot and social action together, protecting the environment are tenets of our community. Contact: Geoff Friedman, [geoffriedman@comcast.net](mailto:geoffriedman@comcast.net).
- Fundraising & Development.**
- Adult Programming.**



## Membership Dues Renewal & Payment Information

*Im ein kemach, ein Torah ... If there is no flour, there is no Torah.*

*- Pirkei Avot 3:21*

Three years ago Beit Ahavah established an experimental and innovative change to the dues structure, to strengthen membership and our synagogue. Each category offers a suggested range for fair share dues commitment to support growing and sustaining our vibrant Reform congregation in the Upper Valley.

Dues contribution last year was \_\_\_\_\_. Please consider increasing this amount for the new year 2020-21.

Category	Suggested Range
First year (New Members)	\$700 - \$1600
Second Year and After	\$900 - \$1950
Dual Membership (paying dues to another synagogue)	\$550 - \$1600
Student	\$36 - \$360

**Beit Ahavah is committed to welcoming everyone regardless of finances.** If you choose an amount outside the guidelines, please write in that amount.

**Membership Category** \_\_\_\_\_ **2020-2021 dues commitment will be \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Funds:**

General Fund	\$ _____
Klara Grape Memorial Music Fund	\$ _____
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	\$ _____
Israel J. Costin Youth Education Fund	\$ _____
Leroy Seftel Adult Education Fund	\$ _____

Please designate contributions in memory/honor of/life cycle events to be acknowledged:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Financial Support** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full amount is enclosed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50% enclosed; remainder due in equal payments Sep 15, Dec 15, and March 15.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please use my automatic withdrawal authorization on file for 12 equal monthly transfers on or around the 15<sup>th</sup> of July – June.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Automated withdrawal authorization for 10 equal monthly transfers on or around the 15<sup>th</sup> of July – June.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Beit Ahavah by July 1, 2020.**

You may pay by check to Beit Ahavah or use our online membership form. Please consider adding 3% if you use PayPal to cover their fees. Thank you!





