



## 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 his or her 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.

*Beth Adam is led by Rabbi Robert B. Barr, ordained in 1981 at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Our humanistic philosophy is an inclusive one, ensuring that Beth Adam remains accessible to all. We strive to keep membership dues and education fees as low as possible by asking everyone to contribute generously during our Annual Contribution Campaign.

### 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 of \$775 is charged per year, for each adult member; there is no membership charge for children. These fees cover only about 67% 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 Congregation Treasurer.

#### 2. Annual Contribution Campaign

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.

### B. BUILDING FUND

Our Building Fund provides resources for capital improvements and financing of our building on Loveland-Madeira Road. It is a responsibility of all of our members to maintain the quality of our home.

### C. DONATION AND TRIBUTE FUNDS

There are specifically allocated funds when memorializing or honoring loved ones and friends. These contributions will be recognized with a tribute card and in our monthly newsletter. Contact the office for more information.

- Rabbi's 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.



## EDUCATION/RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### EDUCATION

Available to members and children of members. Fees are based on enrollment.

#### Religious School

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.

Annual enrollment fees are as follows:

1 child	\$165
Each additional child	\$135

*Materials are sent out in the late spring. 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 Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. during the school year. The fee is \$750 per child, per year and should be paid at the start of the school year.

*\*Receive 10% off the second year's fee if the second year is pre-paid with the first year.\**

#### Kitah Vav/Kitah Zayin

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 - 10 or grades 11 - 12. This group generally meets twice monthly on Sundays - a schedule is available at the Congregation office. The annual enrollment fee is \$100 per student for Kitah Vav and \$100 per student for Kitah Zayin and should be paid at the start of the school year.

#### Adult Education

While children attend classes, adults gather for lively and spirited discussion exploring the Jewish experience and contemporary issues, led by Rabbi Barr 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 on mid-week evenings. Information about upcoming classes is available at the Congregation office and in our monthly newsletter. Open to adult members at no charge and non-members for a nominal fee.*



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

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 18.

### Adult Applicant #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adult Applicant #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information about each family member:

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

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

### Yahrtzeit/Memorial Data

Please mark the appropriate column to let us know if you want the name of your loved one read on the anniversary date and/or on Yom Kippur. If you do not wish the name to be read, mark the "Do Not Read" column.

Name	Relationship	Date of Death MM/DD/YYYY	Read on Anniv.	Read on Yom Kippur	Do Not Read

May we print these names in our newsletter? YES NO

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

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What is your religious background?

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

Please list previous organizational involvement:

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My/Our expectations from Beth Adam:

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I/We would like to help in the following areas:	Adult Member Name	Adult Member Name
Choir/Music		
Education: Youth		
Education: Adult		
Community Service		
Facility (set-up, clean-up, gardening, other)		
Fund Raising		
Member Support Committee		
Membership		
Office Volunteer		
Social Activities		
Usher		
Volunteer Coordinating		

Please list any other significant information:

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INFORMATION FROM THIS APPLICATION FORM WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A MEMBER DIRECTORY UNLESS YOU SPECIFY OTHERWISE. (Member directories are placed on the members-only area of our Web site.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# BETH ADAM

JUDAISM WITH A HUMANISTIC PERSPECTIVE