



Bet Chaverim Membership Information

Dear Prospective Member,

We are pleased that you are considering membership in Bet Chaverim (House of Friends). Here is some information about our congregation:

Many visitors compliment us about our inviting atmosphere and warm, friendly congregants. Bet Chaverim celebrates diversity including having a high percentage of interfaith couples. Our rabbi brings fresh ideas and energy to services and other religious activities. Our gifted cantorial soloist shares contemporary melodies in addition to traditional songs. The very active Sisterhood offers camaraderie, community service programs and temple-wide activities. Quality education programs complement regular Shabbat services and Torah study.

Some things that are noteworthy about our congregation are:

- ◆ Formed in 1989;
- ◆ Employed first rabbi in 1994;
- ◆ Share space with the Saltwater Unitarian Church in Des Moines;
- ◆ Affiliated with the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism)

Because our congregation is small, each and every member is important and has the opportunity to make a difference. If you have any questions, please call Melissa Brooks (253) 839-4170 or e-mail: melissabrooks25@gmail.com.

Once again we extend our welcoming wishes.



Bet Chaverim Membership Application

Please mail completed application, dues pledge card and a **good faith check of \$50** which will be applied to your dues to:

Bet Chaverim
1911 S.W. Campus Dr. #562
Federal Way, WA. 98023

Name: _____

Birth date: _____
(month & day only)

Spouse/significant other: _____

Birth date: _____
(month & day only)

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

Children:

Birth date:
(month & day only)

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Yahrzeits (e.g. parents, grandparents, spouse, siblings, children):

Name of Departed

Relationship and to whom

Date

Dues Information

Pledge Levels:

Name	Qualifying Criteria	Yearly rate for Single	Yearly rate for Family	Privileges (All can vote at congregation meetings)
Amudim (Pillars)	Volunteer	\$1600	\$2400	Temple functions free; dinner with Rabbi
Shomrim (Guardians)	Volunteer or Default	\$1200	\$1800	Temple functions discounted
Tomchim (Supporters)	Income <=\$40,000	\$600	\$900	Temple functions discounted
Bonim (Builders)	Age <=35	\$240	\$360	Temple functions discounted

Dues adjustment may be requested with Dues Adjustment Request form, minimum yearly level \$180

- Please fill out the pledge card (below). Members who do not fill out cards become Shomrim (Guardians) by default.
- Quarterly payments (amounts of ¼ of annual dues) are due at the end of the second month of the quarter (August 31, November 30, February 28, May 31).
- Dues may be paid monthly. The treasurer will periodically e-mail billing statements.
- Standing of members will be assessed at the end of the second month of the quarter to determine eligibility for discounted Temple events (Passover, Adult Ed., etc.) and to vote in Congregation meetings (January and June).

Pledge card for Bet Chaverim dues

Name: _____ Single Member _____ Family Member _____

My/our pledge is indicated below:

- 1) I/we would like to pledge to become Amudim (Pillars) of the congregation _____
- 2) I/we would like to pledge to become Shomrim (Guardians) of the congregation _____
- 3) My/our yearly family income is less than or equal to \$40,00 and we would like to become Tomchim (Supporters) of the congregation. _____
- 4) I/we are 35 years of age or younger and we would like to become Bonim (Builders) of the congregation _____
- 5) I/we are in difficult financial circumstances and we would like to request a dues adjustment. _____

Community Involvement & Volunteering

Since Bet Chaverim is a small congregation we really need everybody to participate in order for our congregation to survive and thrive. No task is too small. If you can't volunteer for one of the standing committees, please volunteer for one or more of the concrete tasks:

I am interested in volunteering for one of these committees:

- Education:** help to shape and/or teach an adult education program
- Finance:** develop the annual budget, work with the Treasurer to monitor income and expenses
- Fundraising:** plan and execute fundraising programs and events
- Outreach/Membership:** promote membership, welcome and connect members, plan events.
- Religious Life:** work with the Rabbi to establish communal worship practices; help to organize major religious events such as High Holidays and Passover.
- Hospitality:** greeter at services, setup/cleanup potlucks and onegs.
- Caring Committee in Memory of Rebecca Garcia:** communicate, coordinate and provide various types of support (transportation, meals, check-ins) to members in need.

I can volunteer these skills and talents:

- Construction, help to set up and take down the sukkah
- Cooking, Baking
- Event planning
- Library, help to keep our library organized
- Music – choir participation, playing an instrument, dance
- Hebrew proficiency – Torah reading, Hebrew tutor
- Writing, editing, marketing, public relations
- Helping to support members who are sick or experiencing life transitions
- Providing transportation and carpools
- Helping with the community seder
- Help to set up/clean up with onegs and potlucks
- Greeter during services and at High Holidays
- Nominating committee – making phone calls
- Staffing the welcome table during the High Holidays
- Art, Crafting, Knitting, Sewing
- Technology – help to develop and improve our website
- Word processing/editing – assist with publishing the bulletin, making flyers/announcements