



2011/2012 Welcome

Dear Prospective Member:

Whether you are new to the area or you have been here for years, we warmly welcome you to explore our community. Our members include individuals and families from diverse backgrounds, and opportunities for becoming an active community member are limitless.

We are embarking on an exciting journey as we begin our 15th year as a congregation and a dynamic home for Reform Judaism in Loudoun County. Consider joining our vibrant, growing congregation throughout the year as we celebrate traditional customs and create many new ones for our members to enjoy at their own comfort level.

Through the dedicated efforts of Rabbi Linda Joseph and wonderful volunteers, and our affiliation with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), we offer many social, educational, cultural, and religious activities within our community. Whether you are single, married, divorced, young, empty nester, or senior, we welcome you to our House of Friends.

In anticipation of you becoming a member this year, we've enclosed the forms you'll need, which can also be found at [www.bcrcva.org](http://www.bcrcva.org). Please return the following forms to us at Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, 21740 Beaumeade Circle, Suite 100, Ashburn, VA, 20147, Attention: Membership. Please include:

- Membership Data Form
- Religious School Registration (one completed form per child)
- Financial Commitment Pledge Form
- Personal Check or Credit Card Authorization Form

We welcome your questions ([membershipvp@bcrcva.org](mailto:membershipvp@bcrcva.org) or [president@bcrcva.org](mailto:president@bcrcva.org) at 703-729-1659) and look forward to you joining our House of Friends.

B'shalom v'L'atid, To Peace and the Future,

Mark Raffman  
President

Brian Giblin  
Membership Vice President

*Welcome to our House of Friends*  
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*Bruchim HaBa'im! Welcome!*

As Rabbi of Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation in Ashburn I am excited that you have decided to join our congregational family! I am beyond thrilled to have the opportunity to be part of this vibrant and growing Union for Reform Judaism congregation in Loudon County and hope that you will find here a Jewish spiritual home that will meet your needs.

**So what brought me here?** I was drawn to the warmth of our members, the partnership between Rabbi and congregation, the desire for programming, the beauty of the Northern Virginia area, the proximity to Washington and the countryside, and the sacred commitment to building a spiritual home and a place of learning.

**What has brought you here?** I would love to meet with you, get to know you, and to learn what attracted you to our synagogue. I would be delighted to discuss with you in what ways you can partner with us to make this your second Jewish home. Please give me a call and make a time for us to get together and talk. I look forward to it!

**Learn with us! Pray with us! Play with us! Work beside us!** I am always pleased to meet with all members, create connections and build community interconnections. Be integral to our congregational family. Join us for services. Attend our classes and programs. Become active in a group or committee. We welcome you and are energized by your presence here!

**Let us become part of your family.** Keep us in the loop on life-cycle events in your family, or any of your needs for ritual, learning, Rabbinic guidance and counseling. We are here to support you and sustain you through the thrills and challenges of life. Keep us in the know on how our congregation can be meaningful for you. My door, our Beth Chaverim door, is open to you!

**And please join me in this prayer:** That we will have many fabulous years growing together and Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation will become a special place in the Jewish journey of all our lives!

*Shalom! Peace!*

Rabbi Linda Joseph

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## **Who We Are**

Beth Chaverim was established in 1997 by five families eager to create a Reform Jewish community. Our membership has grown to consist of more than 140 families, representing all different stages of life and our religious school programs are currently educating more than 160 children. Our members enjoy a variety of programs, including social, spiritual, educational, and religious activities, led by the combined efforts of our Rabbi, Linda Joseph, and our very dedicated lay leaders and volunteers. We value your experience -- from past congregations, professional work, and personal interests, and we hope you will share your wisdom and ideas with us as you become members of our community.

Your membership includes tickets to our High Holiday services, enrollment opportunities for your children in our religious school, bi-monthly newsletters, weekly e-mail updates, and the ability to participate in all congregational activities at the member rate.

## **Programs**

As you read this packet, you will see that we offer a range of opportunities for our members to come together as a community. Our gatherings include traditional favorites and many innovative programs. We offer programs that include our families as well as adult members, and we always have room for new ideas and new volunteers.

Our programs have included:

- **Worship Services:** High Holiday Services, Erev Shabbat Services, Family Services, Tot Shabbat Services, Shabbat Morning Services, Jammin' Shabbat, Yom HaShoah Commemoration
- **Pastoral Counseling**
- **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program**
- **Religious School** for our children from preschool through high school
- **Adult Education**
- **Spiritual Leadership** provided by our rabbinical leaders and cantorial soloists who lead the congregation in ritual, prayer and song
- **Youth Group Activities** for children in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- **Special interest groups** such as Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Woodstock Gang (Empty Nesters), and Generation Jones, which all offer a wide variety of activities, and Interfaith discussion groups.
- **Holiday Celebrations:** Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Community-wide Chanukah Party, Tu B'Shvat Seder, Purim Carnival, Second Night Passover Seder, Israel Independence Day, and others
- **Social Events and Fundraisers:** Annual Picnic, Mystery Dinner, Shabbat Across America, Spaghetti Bingo Night, Art Auction, New Member Meet & Greet, Mitzvah Day, and Wine tasting

Please contact the Membership Vice President for more information at [membershipvp@bcrcva.org](mailto:membershipvp@bcrcva.org).

Beth Chaverim is dedicated to providing you with a spiritual home in which you and your family may worship, learn, and grow as you participate in Reform Jewish practices and observances. All worship services are open to all congregants and non-congregants from the community who would like to participate in a Reform Jewish service.

Rabbi Joseph is devoted to helping congregants become both spiritually connected to and better educated about Reform Judaism, and to bringing our community closer together in worship, study, and practices of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). We are fortunate to enjoy the musical talents of several of our own members; our team of Beth Chaverim singers, musical accompanists, and cantorial soloists bring a particularly joyful spirit to our worship services.

We hope you will join our community to study Torah, to pray with sincerity, and to do acts of loving kindness both within and outside of our walls.

**Tot Shabbat Services:** Friday night or Sunday morning short services (about 30 minutes) geared to introduce ages 3-8, to the prayers, songs, and traditions of Shabbat. Led by our Rabbi, this service includes occasional participation by a religious school class (pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade).

**Family Birthday/Anniversary Celebration Service:** Congregants birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated the first Friday service of each month. This service is family and kid friendly.

**Erev Shabbat Service:** This Friday night *Kabbalat* Shabbat service is appropriate for congregants of all ages. Religious school upper grades (4<sup>th</sup> grade and above) participate in these services on a scheduled basis.

**Morning Shabbat Service:** This Saturday morning service is usually led by our Rabbi and often includes Bar/Bat Mitzvahs or other life-cycle events and a sermon.

### **Oneg Shabbat**

About twice a year, each Beth Chaverim member (family or individual) is called upon to serve as a “Helper Family” at either our Shabbat services or a holiday event. We need and greatly appreciate your help. Dates are announced in advance in an email, weekly email news “blast”, and the Chaverim Bulletin.

In addition to bringing food or drinks for the Oneg, we ask that you arrive at services early to help set up and then stay afterwards to help clean up.

If the date assigned to you by the Worship Committee is not convenient for you, we ask that you contact a Helper Family who is scheduled for a date that would work for you and ask to switch. If this is not possible for some reason, please let the Worship Vice President know as soon as possible. Thank you for fulfilling this essential mitzvah.

The Worship Vice President welcomes your questions or comments at [worshipvp@bcrcva.org](mailto:worshipvp@bcrcva.org).

Beth Chaverim is dedicated to providing a comprehensive, vibrant Jewish education program. Our goal is to nurture a positive Jewish identity in students of all ages by teaching Torah, Jewish life cycle events, Jewish celebrations and rituals, and Jewish heritage and history to engender a commitment to Judaism in all of our students.

### **Religious School**

The Beth Chaverim Religious School strives to create a learning environment that promotes a positive Jewish identity for students in pre-kindergarten through high school. Our Judaic Studies program is a comprehensive introduction to a lifetime of Jewish learning. We study the Torah and Bible, our Jewish identity, Israel, Jewish Holidays, the synagogue, God, life cycle, and Jewish ethics. Students are challenged to understand and apply Jewish concepts in their lives and in their community. Our Hebrew Studies program is designed to develop students' abilities to read Hebrew and supports them in their understanding of the Torah and in preparations for becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We also feature a music curriculum designed to teach the students the hymns, melodies, and prayers heard in worship services. We follow the URJ's Chai program for Judaics and the URJ's Mitkadem program for Hebrew. All of our classes meet on Sundays.

We strive to treat each student as an individual to guarantee the best education for his or her needs. Our religious school promotes creative, dynamic, and interactive classroom lessons to keep our young students involved and focused. Traditional textbooks as well as guest speakers and field trips also support the classroom study. It is our hope that parents will continue to join us as educational partners in the lives of our children. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly education committee meetings, become room parents, sit in on their child's classes, and take adult education classes.

### **Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program**

Beth Chaverim offers a comprehensive B'nai Mitzvah program, which focuses on guiding our children toward becoming responsible members of the synagogue and Jewish community. Our approach is interactive and begins with a meeting during the school year between the prospective B'nai Mitzvah families and the B'nai Mitzvah committee. During the meeting, we discuss the Congregation's requirements for the student as described in the Parent Handbook. We also discuss the Student Workbook and discussions with Rabbi Joseph, which the B'nai Mitzvah student will complete during the training period. In the months leading up to Bar/Bat Mitzvah, assigned tutors work with the child in preparation for this important ceremony.

### **Adult Education**

Rabbi Joseph and many of our talented congregants lead dynamic adult education classes. Beth Chaverim offers an evolving and expanding Adult Education Program, which may include Adult Hebrew, basic Judaism, and Torah Study, as well as Interfaith Discussion Groups and other courses initiated in response to congregant interests.

We welcome any question, concerns, or suggestions regarding education ([educationvp@bcrcva.org](mailto:educationvp@bcrcva.org)).

We invite all grade 6-12 youth to participate in our CHAVTY (**CHAV**erim**TempleYouth**) Youth Group activities. Our dedicated team of Youth Leaders use their enthusiasm and fresh ideas to ensure a fun-filled year that conveys the principles and values of Jewish life. Active participation in CHAVTY helps to instill Jewish identity, foster a commitment to Reform Judaism ideals and values, and increase synagogue participation among our youth.

**CHAVTY Group Goals:**

- Provide opportunities for our Jewish youth to meet and become friends with one another;
- Instill a sense of community – Jewish community – among Beth Chaverim youth;
- Enjoy social/recreational activities together;
- Participate in Jewish life together through rituals, celebrations, and customs; and
- Foster involvement in local and regional NFTY (North American Federation for Temple Youth) youth activities.

**CHAVTY Group Values:**

- **Social Action**  
Commitment to *Tikkun Olam*, “repairing the world”, is a component of the youth group experience. Through community service, we are committed to learning, caring and making a difference in the world.
- **Leadership Development**  
In order to create the Reform Jewish leadership of tomorrow, we engage in social and community projects with adult mentors. However, we strongly encourage our children to take an active role in planning their events.
- **Jewish Community**  
We strive to create a Jewish community in which our youth feel a sense of belonging, friendship, and purpose.
- **Personal Growth**  
Through a Jewish community, adult Reform Jewish mentors, leadership development, and social action, we aim to provide Reform Jewish youth with the ethical tools to make sound decisions in their day-to-day lives.

We welcome input from parents. [youthgroupvp@bcrcva.org](mailto:youthgroupvp@bcrcva.org) .

**Our congregation is home to several special interest groups (SISTERHOOD, BROTHERHOOD, WOODSTOCK GANG, AND GENERATION JONES), as described below; please contact group directly for more information at email address provided:**

**SISTERHOOD [sisterhood@bcrcva.org](mailto:sisterhood@bcrcva.org)**

Sisterhood is the collective presence, voice and strength of women within the Beth Chaverim community. Here, women initiate and develop projects within Sisterhood or jointly with other groups. It provides an outlet for the creative energy, talent, and leadership potential for Beth Chaverim's women. Sisterhood members run various fundraisers, contribute to our local community, and assist, wherever needed, with religious celebrations. We also have a lot of FUN at events such as Sisterhood Shabbat, paint your own pottery, mah johngg, movie nights, and yenta swap. All of us, whether we are mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, or wives, are needed as members of Sisterhood to contribute to the greater good of Beth Chaverim and our local community allowing us to weave together all our strengths!

**BROTHERHOOD [brotherhood@bcrcva.org](mailto:brotherhood@bcrcva.org)**

The Brotherhood is a social group who gathers together to enjoy each other's company and provide service to the congregation. We meet at local restaurants for dinners, host events like poker games and baseball outings, and meet monthly to discuss issues ranging from temple operations to world issues to local economics. Our members man the grills at our annual picnic, usher at services, and organize an annual Holocaust Remembrance Candle Drive, to raise awareness of Yom HaShoah. We also hold service projects around the temple and lend a hand at many other congregational functions. The Brotherhood is open to all the men of the congregation and we look forward to having you join with us.

**WOODSTOCK GANG [WoodstockGang@bcrcva.org](mailto:WoodstockGang@bcrcva.org)**

The Woodstock Gang (AKA Empty Nesters) is a purely social group of Beth Chaverim adults who gather for dinners, plays, concerts, parties, music-playing, etc. Since none of us need to worry about childcare issues, our possibilities are endless! We tend to get together every 6-8 weeks, but sometimes quite a bit more often, since we enjoy each other so much!

**GENERATION JONES CHAVURAH [GenerationJones@bcrcva.org](mailto:GenerationJones@bcrcva.org)**

If you are not quite part of the Baby Boomer generation but too old to be Generation X, experts say that makes you the right age for Generation Jones! This term describes people who were too young for the draft but who are too old for grunge music! This group has gathered to address the needs of those that are coming of age in our community not only for their children's needs but also to find a place for friendship and camaraderie among friends at a similar stage in life.



Dear Prospective Member,

The next few pages of this packet are intended to provide you with some insights into our congregation’s finances, as you consider your ability to contribute. We genuinely appreciate any feedback you may have, so please feel free to direct your comments to our Membership VP or another member of our Board.

In order to accomplish the mission we have described in this packet so far, Beth Chaverim must have the support of each of our members. If we all had similar incomes, similar demands on our resources, and similar plans for the future, everything would be simple; however, the reality is more complex. Some of us have more time than money, and some others have more money than time, while others have lots of both, or even neither. Thus, we have developed the Basic Membership Plan presented in the table below. Even with this plan, we recognize that, while some people may not be able to afford the Basic Membership Levels, other people may be able to afford more. To strike a balance, the process relies on each of us to honestly assess our financial situations. Such an assessment, along with generous giving of volunteer hours and prompt payment of pledges, will help build a healthy congregation and a strong Jewish community in which all who desire to can participate.

**Basic Membership Levels**

(In addition to dues below, in order to balance the Temple budget, all membership categories will be assessed \$25/per month (\$300/year) as a Special Assessment approved by the Congregation at the 2011 Annual Congregational Meeting.)

**Full Membership Categories Include High Holiday tickets, Directory, emailed Bulletin publication, email communications, mailings, voting rights & responsibilities, and eligibility to purchase Religious School and Bar/Bat Mitzvah training.**

<b>Family</b> – married couple with children	\$1,800.00
<b>Couple</b> – married couple (including interfaith spouse) with no dependent children	1,680.00
<b>Single Parent</b> – separated or divorced parent with child(ren)	1,440.00
<b>Individual</b> – unmarried person with no dependent children	1,380.00

**Additional Membership Categories Include High Holiday tickets, emailed Bulletin publication, Directory, email communications, and mailings.**

<b>Affiliated</b> – any members in good standing at another synagogue. (Please provide a letter from your primary congregation now and with annual renewal)	400.00
<b>Honorary</b> – single members age 18 - 24	480.00
<b>Senior</b> – any single person <b>or</b> couple age 70+	750.00

If you join between July 1 and December 31, the total annual dues amount will be calculated from July 1 and invoiced over the number of months/quarters remaining until the following July 1. If you join after December 31, your dues will be prorated from January 1 until the following July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Building Fund**

Just as you need to maintain a home, Beth Chaverim needs to maintain our building. For this purpose, a special Building Fund has been created. It helps fund all major maintenance, repairs, and expansion efforts. This fee is required and non-negotiable.

<b>Building Fund</b>	750/yr or \$ 62.50/mo for 10 years
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**Basic Membership Giving represents only a portion of what is required to cover operations.** Please consider the three scenarios listed below to determine how you can help ensure the future of our congregation.

**FOR CONGREGANTS PAYING BASIC MEMBERSHIP ONLY**, you can choose to pay annually, quarterly, or monthly. We also hope you will consider making other donations throughout the year to honor special occasions or remember a loved one, and we thank you in advance for your support.

**FOR CONGREGANTS WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY MORE THAN THE BASIC MEMBERSHIP**, the Board offers sincere appreciation for your help in balancing the financial scales so that any Jew, regardless of income, has the opportunity to join our congregation. We rely on your generosity to help keep our doors open, and we apply your donations to our annual pledge drive. Beth Chaverim is especially grateful to our contributors and will recognize them in a list of major donors. For those who would prefer to donate anonymously, please designate this on your pledge form.

**FOR CONGREGANTS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE TO PAY BASIC MEMBERSHIP COSTS**, please complete the Membership forms and add a note requesting a phone contact from our Treasurer. We consider all family special needs on a case by case basis and will not make any charges before contacting you.

Members who fall behind on their membership support payments should contact the Treasurer and President. They will try to accommodate any member who has genuine difficulty making these payments. However, only congregants who pay on time will be considered members in good-standing. Members must be in “good-standing” to receive High Holy Day tickets, register for Religious School, receive B’nai Mitzvah training, or have performed life cycle events such as bris, namings, and weddings.

### **Religious School Fees**

Religious school fees are separate from synagogue support. For your child(ren) to participate in Religious School, you must be a member in good standing of the synagogue. *Religious School is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 11, 2011.*

#### **Hebrew and Religious School Tuition – Program Available with a Full Membership**

Grade	Tuition
Pre-School (9-11 am)	\$558
K – 2 Grades (9-11 am)	558
3rd – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grades (9-12 pm)	758
Pre-Confirmation(8 & 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade) (11-1 pm) **	558
Confirmation (10 <sup>th</sup> Grade) (11-1 pm) **	558

**\*\*ELECTIVE PROGRAM for 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders:** (11:00 am - 1:00 pm Sundays when Religious School is in session); This Lunch & Learn program includes 30 minutes of social time (lunch) followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Joseph. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders currently enrolled in the Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes **must check the box on the separate Religious School registration form**, but their \$558 tuition **includes this extra program.**

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENT PLEDGE FORM**  
**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Family</b> – married couple with children	\$1,800.00	
<b>Couple</b> – married couple (including interfaith spouse) with no dependent children	1,680.00	
<b>Single Parent</b> – separated/divorced parent with child(ren)	1,440.00	
<b>Individual</b> – unmarried person with no dependent children	1,380.00	
<b>Affiliated</b> – any members in good standing at another synagogue. (Please provide a letter from your primary congregation now and with annual renewal)	400.00	
<b>Honorary</b> – any single members 18 - 24	480.00	
<b>Senior</b> – any single or any couple over 70	750.00	
<b>SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION</b>		
___\$200 ___\$500 ___\$1000 ___\$1200 ___\$1800 ___\$3600 _____ OTHER	___check here if you prefer this donation be designated as “anonymous” in the Thank You section of our Bulletin	<b>Please specify amount:</b>
<b>Building Fund</b> over 10 yrs at \$750/yr	750.00	
<b>In addition to dues above, in order to balance the Temple budget, all membership categories will be assessed \$25/per month (\$300/year) as a Special Assessment approved by the Congregation at the 2011 Annual Congregational Meeting.</b>	300.00	

<b>Religious School Pre-School*</b>	\$558 x ___ children	
<b>Religious School K – 2 Grades*</b>	\$558 x ___ children	
<b>Religious School 3rd – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades*</b>	\$758 x ___ children	
<b>Religious School Pre-Confirmation(8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)*</b>	\$558 x ___ children	
<b>Religious School Confirmation (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)*</b>	\$558 x ___ children	
<b>Religious School Lunch &amp; Learn</b> (optional, see explanation)	\$225 if registering for this 11:00 am – 1 pm class alone (no additional fee if registered Pre-Confirmation or Confirmation)	
* you must also submit one completed copy of the Religious School form in this packet for each child you wish to enroll in our Religious School		

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**Donations for Annual Membership in the following Special Interest groups may be submitted with this membership application but must be paid in full, by check or credit card, upon joining, and cannot be paid in installments.	
Sisterhood _____\$36    Brotherhood _____\$36    JrCHAVTY (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> gr) _____\$10 CHAVTY(9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> gr) _____\$24	
CHECK ENCLOSED: Indicate amount & payment schedule ** You must include membership donations for Special Interest groups listed above in full in your first payment	
CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZED on next page	

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

### 2011/2012 Credit Card and Automatic Check Payment Authorization

If you choose to use a credit card, please complete the form below and we will charge your credit card as indicated.

I authorize Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation to charge

Monthly (12 payments)       Quarterly(4 payments)       Annually (1 payment)

My dues, tuition, building fund, and other special contribution amount as indicated above to the following:

Visa       MasterCard

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

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

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

Card#: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\* I understand that my credit card will be charged during the last week of the month/quarter from July 2011 through June 2012. Pledges received after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month will be processed starting the following month. For example, if your pledge for monthly payment is received on August 26, the July & August billings will have already been processed; your pledge will be divided into 10 payments, September through June. If you join after December 31, your pledge will be divided into annual dues prorated from January 1.

\* I understand that the cancellation of this requires a 30-day written notice

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

**Family Information – Please Print**

<b>Family Name</b>	<b>Date of (original) Membership Application:</b>
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address (for BCRC announcements)</b>	
<b>First head of Household</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
Occupation/Talent:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Hebrew Name (transliterated, if known):	
<b>Second head of Household</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
Occupation/Talent:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Hebrew Name (transliterated, if known):	
<b>Wedding/Union Anniversary:</b>	

**Children’s Information**

Child’s name	Date of Birth	Gender	Hebrew Name (Transliterated)	School Grade

Please also complete pgs 2 & 3 of this form.

**Committees & Special Interest** – Beth Chaverim depends on our members to plan and execute every single program and effort within our Congregation. **Please choose at least 3 categories** below that reflect the strongest personal or professional interest for each adult family member, so that we may provide you meaningful opportunities for the mitzvah of service to our community. For further information regarding these committees, please contact the Committee Chairperson/VP listed in the bi-monthly newsletter/bulletin.

<b>Adult Education</b>	<b>Community Outreach</b>	<b>Education</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Social</b>
<b>Ways &amp; Means (fundraising)</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>House Affairs</b>
<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>Preschool/early childhood</b>	<b>Sisterhood</b>
<b>Men’s Club</b>	<b>Empty Nesters</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Special talent/skill</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

**Yahrzeit** (the anniversary of the death of a loved one): Please include Julian date of death, including time of death, if known, and your loved one will be remembered at a Shabbat Service.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Relationship/Related to:</b>
Example Richard Ross	2/4/91	2pm	Father of Jane Cohen

**Please also complete pg 3 of this form.**

If you have belonged to a Temple or Synagogue in the past 5 years, please list the name & city, years of membership, and briefly describe your experiences with congregational life, including volunteer positions held.

Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Experience with Congregational Life: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Experience with Congregational Life: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Experience with Congregational Life: \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we understand that the Union for Reform Judaism requires that all applicants for membership be in good standing with their previous congregation. Accordingly, by signing and submitting this application to Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, I/we state that I/we do not have any outstanding financial commitments to any other congregation, having formally resigned in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature Date Signature Date*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I/We authorize Beth Chaverim to contact my/our former synagogue(s) to confirm that I/we left in good standing (please initial).*

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2011 – 2012 Religious School Registration Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Student's Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Religious School Grade as of 11/12: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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

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

Home Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Secular Public/Private School (as of 11/12): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone Numbers: Daytime: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone Numbers: Daytime: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

If parents live at separate locations, please check if you would like school correspondence to be sent to both parents \_\_\_\_\_ If not, which parent should receive the information? \_\_\_\_\_

You may use my child's photograph in the Beth Chaverim newsletter and/or on the web site:

Yes  No

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

Please list two individuals (other than listed above) we can contact if needed:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of accident or serious illness, the school will attempt to contact me. If the school is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the school to transport my child to receive appropriate medical treatment. It is understood that this permission is effective as long as the child is enrolled in school.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please turn over and complete the other side of this form.  
2011 – 2012 Religious School Registration Form**

**Please tell us a little bit about yourselves and your child:**

*(Please use another page if more space is required for your responses.)*

1. Does your child have any special needs, including but not limited to educational or health issues? Please list. If your child has an IEP, please make sure a copy is provided to the school. Please note this information will only be shared with your child's teacher and school administration.

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2. Does your child have any food allergies? Please list.

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3. We sometimes organize field trips or arrange for guest speakers for our classes to take place during Sunday school hours. Do you have any suggestions for field trips/speakers that you would like us to consider?

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Would you be willing to be a chaperone and/or organize?  Yes  No

4. We are looking for parent representatives for each grade. As required, the parent representatives may assist the teacher/ Education VP with phone calls to class parents and provide feedback on how we can improve our school. Would you be willing to act as a parent representative for your child's class?  
 Yes  No

5. Sometimes at the school, we include special guests/speakers. Do you have any areas of interest/special talent(s) that you would be willing to share with the students AND if so, which grade would best benefit from your visit?

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6. Occasionally, we need to call on our parents to serve as substitute teachers. There is no compensation for filling this role. We would provide you with the materials you would need and the topics to be covered that day.

Would you be willing to substitute if needed?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide your name and a phone number where you would like us to reach you:

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7. In the event I cannot pick up my child, he/she may go home with: \_\_\_\_\_  
This person's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Other comments / concerns: \_\_\_\_\_