



## Sacred Partnership

This document provides suggested ways for you to be involved in our Community. Please use it as a guide when determining your own level of involvement and participation, seeking perhaps to stretch beyond your current level. It is set up according to the four main functions of congregational life: to serve as a House of Worship, a House of Study, a House of Community, and a House of Social Justice. Your involvement in any or all of these houses is deeply appreciated and welcomed.

We as the members of this community, bear certain responsibilities to each and every one of our fellow congregants. We all have the opportunity and privilege to create a Jewish community as a place where we can build our religious, spiritual and moral selves.

With this sacred partnership, we commit to being part of and contributing to a community where members' spiritual, religious, and pastoral needs are met, where lasting and meaningful Jewish memories are made, where our rich and abiding heritage is passed from generation to generation, and where social justice is upheld for all people; for this is what sustains our community and our House of Friends.

### **House of Worship - Beit Tefilah To Nurture Our Souls**

We as members of the Congregation Family will strive to:

- offer a variety of worship experiences
- give families the tools to observe rituals
- create meaningful Jewish experiences
- engage our members with meaningful programs
- provide knowledge, meaning and inspiration
- provide spiritual leadership

I as a Congregant will try to:

- remain open and respectful to diversity and to fellow members
- respect the sacredness of Shabbat & Jewish Holidays
- inspire and help others to foster our Jewish heritage
- provide my family with an active role in the Jewish Community

### **House of Social Justice - Beit Tikun Olam To Compel Our Hearts**

We as members of the Congregation Family will strive to:

- care for those in and around our community
- provide opportunities for social action
- teach the Jewish principals of social action
- inform the congregation about local, national and global issues

I as a Congregant will try to:

- reach out to the sick and comfort the bereaved
- act to sustain and enhance commitment to community service
- participate in opportunities to help others in our larger community
- strive to live by the ethics of Torah

### **House of Community - Beit Kneset To Extend Our Embraces**

We as members of the Congregation Family will strive to:

- offer spiritual and emotional support
- motivate and inspire members to be involved
- be warm and welcoming
- provide a variety of programs
- encourage members to engage and challenge themselves
- communicate regularly to our membership
- assist the lay leadership to create and nurture our vision
- operate in a financially sound manner

I as a congregant will try to:

- attend special programming and participate whenever possible
- be warm and welcoming
- make my voice heard in a respectful manner
- share my thoughts and concerns in a respectful manner
- honor my financial commitment to the Congregation
- share my passions and talents with others

### **House of Study - Beit Midrash To Challenge Our Minds**

We as members of the Congregation Family will strive to:

- help each other lead Jewish lives
- provide opportunities to grow in our Jewish knowledge
- provide a variety of learning opportunities
- provide a link to Jewish resources

I as a congregant will try to:

- participate in Congregation's programs and activities
- share in our youth's education

## **Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation ~ Mission Statement**

The members of Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation will provide the Jewish community with a forum for experiencing the religious, cultural and celebratory aspects of Jewish life, offering this experience in an organized, open, egalitarian environment where all members are comfortable with their diverse beliefs and Jewish heritage. BCRC will foster the viability of the Jewish people by providing Jewish religious education to our children and providing our members with an active Jewish community in Loudoun County, Virginia.

*Together may we create a caring, sharing, and loving community that will support each other in times of bounty and in times of need.*