

BETH CHAVERIM HUMANISTIC JEWISH COMMUNITY

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WHAT DOES BETH CHAVERIM MEAN?

In English, “BETH CHAVERIM” means House of Friends.



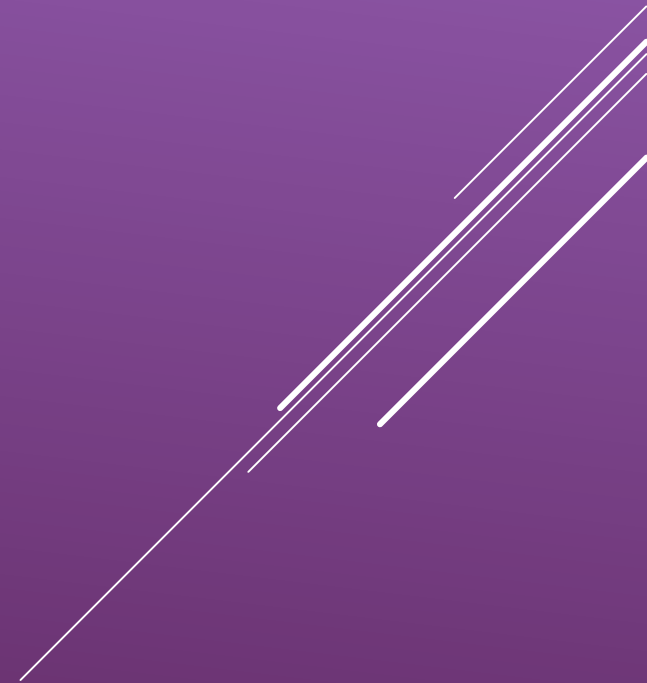
WHAT IS HUMANISTIC JUDAISM?

Humanistic Judaism combines the philosophy of humanism, which is the belief in the power and authority of human beings over their own lives with a broad definition of Judaism as the collective historic experience of the Jewish people.



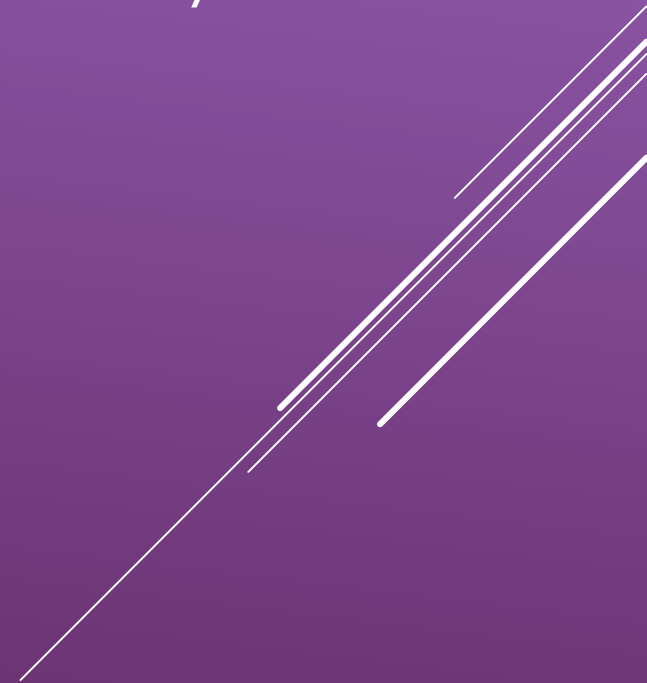
DOES BETH CHAVERIM USE HEBREW?

Yes, though the vast majority of services are in English.



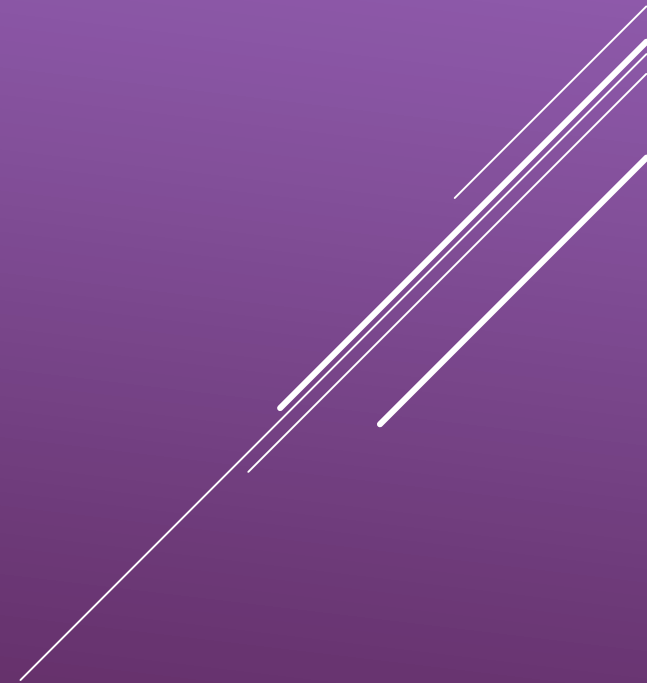
DOES BETH CHAVERIM HAVE A TORAH?

Yes. It is read at bar/bat mitzvahs and the High Holidays.



ARE THERE OTHER HUMANISTIC JEWISH CONGREGATIONS?

Yes. There are congregations and communities across North America.



DOES BETH CHAVERIM HAVE A RABBI?

Yes, Rabbi Jodi Kornfeld who was ordained in 2009 by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism.



WHAT LITURGY DOES BETH CHAVERIM USE?

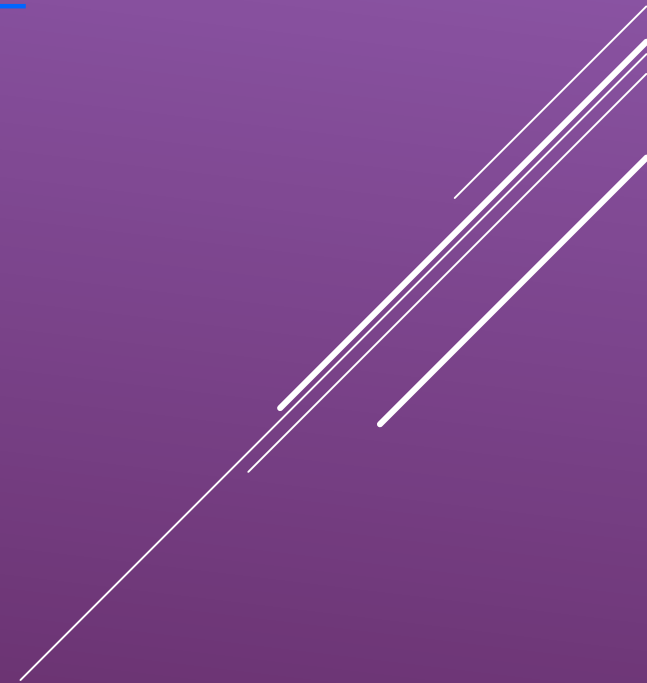
All of the services are written and compiled by our rabbi. Poetry, prose, and songs are used to reflect the meaning of the day. All language used is non-theistic.



HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT BETH CHAVERIM?

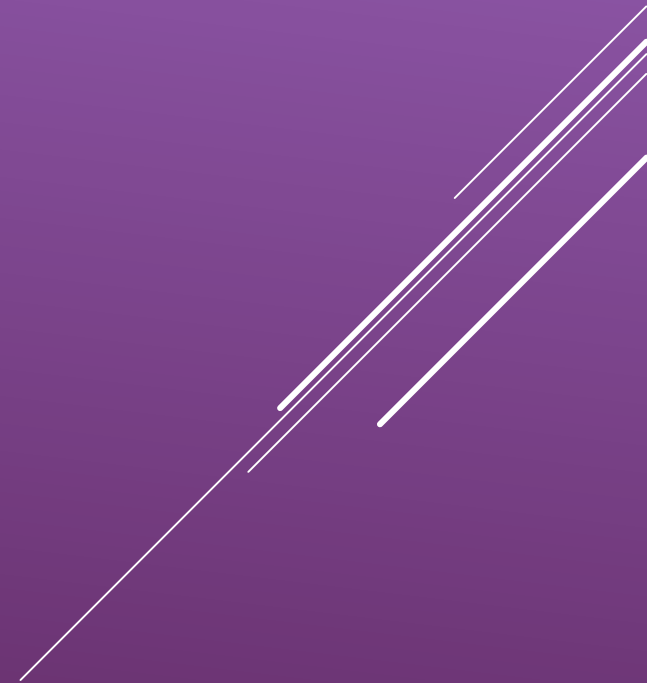
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We look forward to hearing from you!



WHERE DOES BETH CHAVERIM HOLD EVENTS?

Beth Chaverim uses a variety of community resources for its Sunday School, holiday celebrations, and cultural/educational programs.



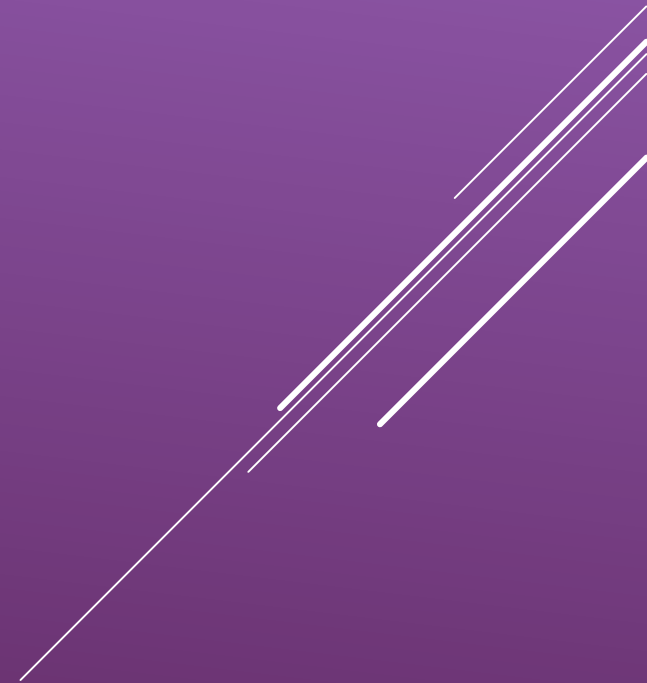
DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN BETH CHAVERIM ACTIVITIES OR ATTEND HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES?

We welcome you to contact us about our programming. High Holiday tickets are available to non-members and much of our programming is open for prospective members to experience our community.



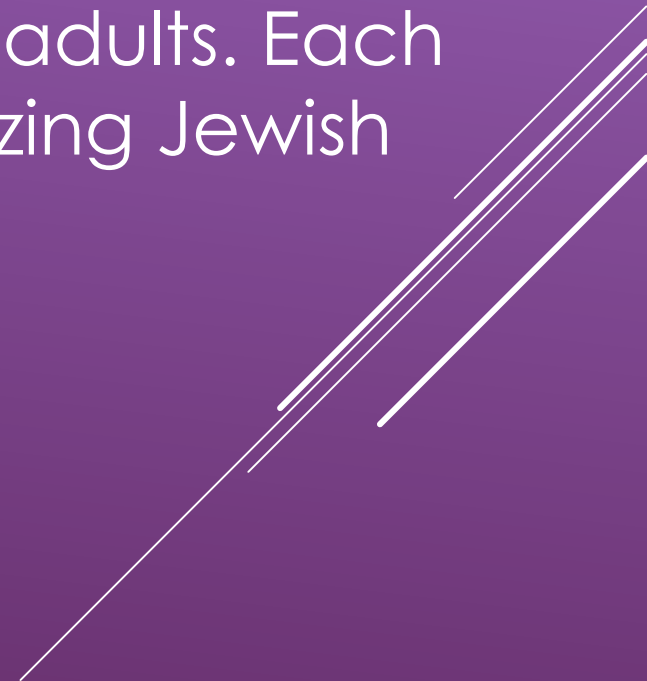
WHAT IS THE CENTRAL VALUE OF HUMANISTIC JUDAISM?

It is that every individual has dignity that is to be maintained and enhanced.



DOES BETH CHAVERIM HAVE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AS WELL AS FAMILIES?

In addition to family oriented activities, Beth Chaverim has a monthly book club and bible study designed for adults. Each year there are different adult programs emphasizing Jewish holidays and culture.



HOW OFTEN DOES RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MEET?

It meets on Sundays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Those students studying for a bar/bat mitzvah meet one additional hour, 11:30 – 12:30, for one year.



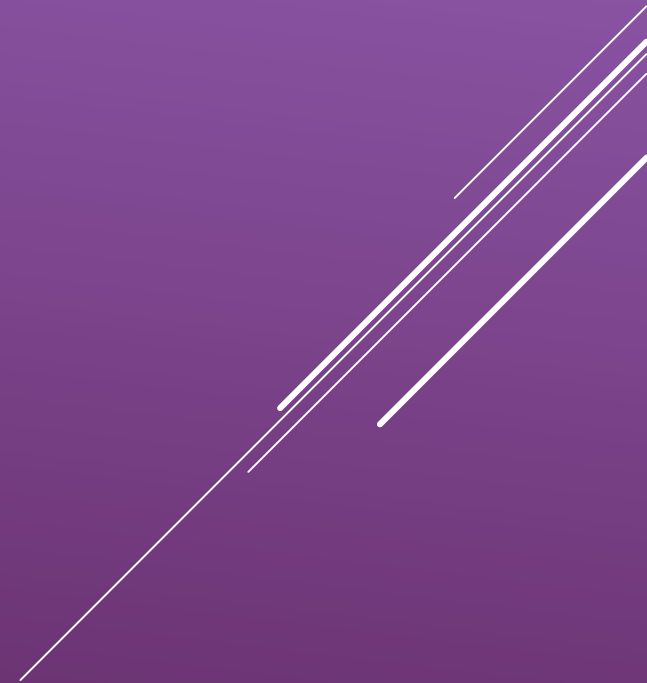
ARE INTERFAITH FAMILIES WELCOME AT BETH CHAVERIM?

Yes, and all members of these families are full participants.



WHO FOUNDED HUMANISTIC JUDAISM?

Rabbi Sherwin Wine.



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