

## **Religious Affairs Committee Charter**

The Religious Affairs Committee (RAC) has the principal responsibility for religious affairs at Beit Am. The RAC has three responsibilities:

1. To coordinate, oversee, and ensure the smooth operation of Shabbat services, High Holiday services, and all other religious observances at Beit Am. This will be done by:

- \* Developing an annual calendar of Shabbat and holiday services
- \* Coordinating the logistics of Shabbat and holiday services and observances
- \* Acting as a point of contact for the minyanim
- \* Coordinating services with the Rabbi or other religious leaders

2. To develop and submit for Board approval recommendations for policies on religious observance and customs at Beit Am. This includes, but is not limited to:

- \* Establishing the role of lay and professional religious leaders in services
- \* Facilitating development of new services in coordination with the religious leader, Board, and community
- \* Clarifying other issues concerning religious affairs that may arise and that require policy or guideline explanation or development

3. To maintain the sancta: Sifrei Torah, siddurim, chumashim, yizkor boards, and other religious ritual objects kept at Beit Am by:

- \* Maintaining inventory, monitoring conditions, and advising on replacement or repair as necessary
- \* Establishing guidelines for use (including within and outside Beit Am membership)

The RAC shall be composed of the following:

- \* A Committee Chair, who shall be approved by the President of the Board
- \* The Rabbi, who shall be a nonvoting member of the Committee
- \* A High Holy Days Coordinator
- \* Members at large who shall be representative of the plurality and diversity of Beit Am membership and approved by the RAC Chair

The Board member who holds the RAC portfolio will be an ex-officio non-voting member of the RAC.

Funds to support the activities of the RAC shall be provided by the Board. The RAC shall not be authorized to make explicit or implicit commitments with financial ramifications without the express consent of the Board. The committee shall meet at least quarter-annually. The Chair or Religious Affairs portfolio holder will report at least annually to the Beit Am Board on progress in all areas of RAC business.

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