

Beit Am Alcohol Policy Approved by Board 20260219

Purpose

Beit Am values safety, responsibility, and respect in all community events. This policy provides guidance on when and how alcohol may be present at Beit Am events, **consistent with Oregon law and in compliance with Beit Am insurance policies**. Its goal is to help leadership make decisions about all forms of alcohol use while protecting the community and minimizing risk.

Policy Principles

- Alcohol use must support, not overshadow, the purpose of the event.
- Safety and legal compliance are paramount.
- Alcohol may never be served to minors, except in supervised ritual contexts consistent with Jewish practice.
- Events serving alcohol (other than ritual use) require a designated Alcohol Host (see Alcohol Host duties below).
- This policy only applies to events that take place on Beit Am property.

Categories of Alcohol Use

1. *No OLCC Liquor License Required if ALL of the following apply:*

- Attendance is limited to Beit Am members and their invited guests.
- No admission fee, donation, or ticket is required for entry.
- Alcohol is provided free of charge.

2. *OLCC Permit or Licensed Server Required if ANY of the following apply:*

- The event is open to the public, even if alcohol is free.
- Admission, ticket, or donation is requested, even indirectly (“suggested donation”).
- Alcohol is part of a fundraiser or raffle prize.
- Alcohol is sold, traded, or exchanged for anything of value.

3. *BYOB*

- BYOB is only permitted at events that have been formally approved in advance by the Building Use Committee.
- BYOB events must meet all requirements of Category 1 AND meet insurance requirements listed below.
- Casual or informal consumption of alcohol on Beit Am property, including on the deck or other outdoor spaces, is not permitted without prior approval.

Alcohol Host Duties

A designated Alcohol Host is required for all non-ritual events where alcohol is present and must:

- Consume no alcohol for the duration of the event.
- Be over the age of 21.
- Monitor alcohol consumption to prevent service to minors or intoxicated individuals.
- Ensure alcohol remains within designated areas.
- Confirm that only qualified individuals handle, pour, or serve alcohol.

Insurance Requirements

For *all non-ritual events* furnishing alcohol:

- The event must be covered by liquor liability insurance.
- For private events, proof of coverage must be filed with the office at least 10 days prior to the event.

Violations

Any violation of this policy or OLCC rules may result in:

- Cancellation of alcohol service at the event.
- Review by the Beit Am Board.
- Future event privileges being suspended for the responsible party.