

Arts and Culture Fund Committee Charter

The Beit Am Arts and Culture Fund Committee is responsible for utilizing money in the Arts and Culture Fund to plan a periodic event that highlights Jewish themes from such creative fields as music, literature, theater, visual arts, and so forth. The event might include exhibits, lectures, performances, or readings of a Jewish-themed but non-devotional and non-political nature. The programs should be held at least annually or more often if funding from the Beit Am Arts and Culture Fund allows.

Ideally the event should enhance the level of Jewish culture in Corvallis but also appeal to (and potentially be attended by) the broad Corvallis community. Examples of programs that might be scheduled under this program are:

- Traveling art exhibits such as from the Oregon Jewish Museum;
- Readings by an author from a work of Jewish-themed fiction;
- Biographical talk about a Jewish writer or composer;
- Performance by a Klezmer music group;
- Performance by a Jewish folklorist or storyteller;
- Theatrical production of a Jewish-themed play.

Events that should be excluded from this program would include religious services or holiday celebrations, programs dealing with the Holocaust or scheduled during OSU's Holocaust Memorial Week, and programs dealing with Israeli or middle-east politics.

In planning these events the Committee should seek input and suggestions from the entire Beit Am community and should be prepared to work with Portland Jewish congregations and arts agencies to perhaps bring touring artists or performers to Corvallis. Partnering with other small Jewish congregations is also encouraged.

The Arts and Culture Fund Committee will supervise the budget for these programs using assets contained in the restricted Beit Am Arts and Culture Fund. These assets might include: donations from Beit Am members or supporters and gifts from private endowments solicited or unsolicited. Money collected from admission charges (if any) for these events should be added to the Arts and Culture Fund to support future events. Money from the restricted fund may be used to support any aspect of the event, including but not limited to: stipends for the visiting presenters, travel expenses, room and/or equipment rental for the presentation, publicity and printing, refreshments, or necessary insurance riders.

Members of the Committee shall be selected from those among the Beit Am membership with particular interest or experience in the arts: musicians, artists, writers, actors or directors, etc.

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