Beit Am Fundraising Policy

1. **Purpose:** This policy is intended to:
    a. Ensure compliance with Beit Am's obligations as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, including appropriate use of charitable resources
    b. Ensure that Fundraising Activities conducted in connection with Beit Am align with Beit Am's mission, values, and organizational priorities
    c. Prevent confusion or competition among multiple Fundraising Activities occurring at Beit Am or during Beit Am programs
    d. Avoid Fundraising Activities for organizations whose purposes, methods, or public positions may be inconsistent with Beit Am's values or otherwise inappropriate for Beit Am
    e. Provide clarity to members and staff about when Fundraising Activities are permitted and how they must be conducted
2. **Definitions**
    a. Fundraising Activity: "Fundraising Activity" means any effort to raise money, solicit donations, or collect goods for a charitable, religious, or nonprofit purpose that takes place on Beit Am property, during a Beit Am program, or using Beit Am resources or communications, or that is represented or reasonably appears to be sponsored, endorsed, or authorized by Beit Am.
        i. Fundraising Activity does not include the solicitation, acceptance, or management of grants, which are governed by Beit Am's Grant Application and Management Policy.
    b. Beit Am Fundraiser: "Beit Am Fundraiser" means a Fundraising Activity conducted to benefit Beit Am's funds, programs, or operations.
    c. External Organization: "External Organization" means any organization, cause, or entity other than Beit Am, including nonprofits, charities, advocacy groups, or informal causes.
    d. Mission, Values, and Organizational Priorities: "Mission, Values, and Organizational Priorities" refer to Beit Am's mission statement as adopted by the Board and reflected on Beit Am's website, as well as the values and priorities articulated in Board-approved policies and official statements.
3. **Approval Required:**
    a. All Fundraising Activities must be approved by the Board, either directly or through authority delegated by the Board as described below, regardless of whether the funds benefit Beit Am or an External Organization.
    b. Such approval is intended to ensure that all Fundraising Activities align with Beit Am's mission, values, and organizational priorities, and to avoid conflicts or duplication.

c. All Fundraising Activities, whether benefitting Beit Am or an External Organization, are subject to this policy's requirements for oversight, communications, and compliance.
d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may authorize limited categories of routine, low-risk Fundraising Activities to be approved by designated staff, committees, or Board members pursuant to Board-approved guidelines, rather than requiring full Board approval in each instance.

4. **Eligibility of External Organizations:**
    a. The Beit Am Board may approve Fundraising Activities for External Organizations only if the organization's mission and activities are consistent with Beit Am's charitable and religious purposes as a 501(c)(3).
    b. Approval will consider Beit Am's mission, its organizational priorities, and the potential impact on the Beit Am membership.
5. **Fundraising Operations & Oversight:**
    a. Fundraising Activities must clearly indicate in all communications who will benefit from the funds:
        i. Beit Am Fundraisers must specify the Beit Am program, fund, or purpose.
        ii. External Organization Fundraising Activities must clearly indicate the external organization as the beneficiary.
    b. All Fundraising Activities must be coordinated in advance with the Treasurer to ensure proper collection, deposit, and tracking of funds.
    c. For Fundraising Activities conducted for Board-approved External Organizations, the Board may approve alternative arrangements in which funds are collected or held directly by the External Organization, provided that Beit Am's role is clearly described.
    d. Each Fundraising Activity must have a designated individual or committee responsible for follow-through and coordination with the Treasurer.
    e. Any Fundraising Activity involving minors must be conducted under adult supervision.
6. **Compliance & Safety:**
    a. Fundraising Activities must comply with applicable health, safety, and legal requirements, including food safety, any required local permits, and all Beit Am policies.

Approved by Beit Am Board of Directors February 19, 2026