

Associate Membership Policy

Rationale:

The officers and Board of Directors of Bet Aviv highly value the contributions of its full-time members and are dedicated to retaining and growing our unique congregation. It was felt, however, that there existed a need to offer an alternative affiliation to both full-time members of other congregations living in the local Jewish community and to former Bet Aviv congregants who have moved out of the area who wish to support the work and religious life of Bet Aviv and maintain congregational affiliation. The Bet Aviv Associate Membership has been designed with this in mind.

Eligibility Requirements:

Associate memberships are available to individuals or couples who are dues-paying full-time members of another synagogue within or outside the state of Maryland, **or** to those who are former Bet Aviv members whose primary residence is a minimum of 50 miles from Oakland Mills Interfaith Center.

Membership Benefits:

Associate members, excluding immediate family members, will be entitled to High Holiday seats and will be able to attend all religious services, programs and special events held at Bet Aviv. They will also receive all electronic newsletters. Associate members will not be able to vote or to use clergy services for pastoral counseling or for funerals or other life cycle events, although they may hire the Rabbi or Cantor, upon availability and desire, on their own for such events.

Membership Dues and Verification:

Dues for Associate Membership will be set by the Board on an annual basis.

Those seeking associate membership will be asked to provide written verification, on an annual basis, of affiliation and status as a full-time member in good standing at another Jewish congregation and/or as a former Bet Aviv member, verify primary residence that is a minimum of 50 miles from Oakland Mills Interfaith Center.