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*Founded in 1972 as  
the world's first lesbian  
and gay synagogue, to-  
day BCC is an  
inclusive community of  
progressive LGBTQ  
and other Jews, our  
families  
and friends.  
Bring Your Whole Self,  
Whoever You Are*

## Beth Chayim Chadashim Membership Application Form

Now that you have become acquainted with BCC, we are so honored that you have chosen to become a member of the BCC family.

### Our application process for membership is simple:

- ✓ Please fill out this application and either email it to [TempleDirector@bcc-la.org](mailto:TempleDirector@bcc-la.org) or send it by regular mail to BCC at 6090 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035.
- ✓ A member of the Membership Committee will contact you to answer any questions you might have.
- ✓ BCC's Executive Director, Rabbi Jonathan Klein, will then contact you to explain BCC's membership contribution plan.
- ✓ After agreement is reached on your annual membership contribution, submit your [Membership Contribution Pledge Form](#) to [Rabbi Jonathan Klein](#).
- ✓ The BCC Board of Directors will then formally consider your membership at their next monthly meeting.
- ✓ You will receive prompt notification of membership approval from BCC's Membership Chair. Following approval, we will officially welcome you into the congregation at a Shabbat service, though your participation is optional.

We ask that you make an appointment with our rabbi to get acquainted either before or soon after becoming a member of BCC.

Numerous events specially designed for new members are held to help you meet other new members as well as get to know the longstanding BCC community. We hope you will enjoy these social occasions and that they will be helpful in familiarizing yourself to BCC's diverse offerings and the perks of membership.

**Questions? Do not hesitate to contact us through the BCC office.**

## Our Mission

**Congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim works to:**

- *Provide the means whereby its members may worship G-d in accordance with the principles and practices of Judaism*
- *Serve our communities and work to see that all members come to realize their own value and dignity*
- *Cultivate greater knowledge and understanding of the history, traditions and ideals of Judaism*
- *Sustain a Jewish community for LGBTQ Jews while welcoming all who wish to make community with us; and*
- *Promote greater communication and understanding between the Jewish community and LGBTQ communities.*



# Personal and Family Data



Membership information and personal data are kept strictly confidential.

Student     Retired     Other \_\_\_\_\_    Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT MEMBER #1

ADULT CO-MEMBER #2

NAME*		
HEBREW NAME, if known/granted		
GENDER OF CHOICE		
PERSONAL PRONOUNS (He/him/his, she/her/hers, they/them/their, etc)*		
EMAIL ADDRESS*		
STREET ADDRESS*		
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE*		
HOME PHONE*		
CELL PHONE*		
WORK PHONE		
EMPLOYER		
OCCUPATION		
BIRTHDATE		
IF YOU ARE PARTNERED, YOUR ANNIVERSARY DATE		
EMERGENCY CONTACT & RELATIONSHIP		

- **Items with an asterisk are included in BCC Member Directories, distributed to members only.**  
**If you prefer not to be included in the BCC Member Directory, check here**

**Please attach extra pages if you need additional space.**

What do you want us to know about you or your family's identity/history, structure, and background, if anything?

What are you looking to add to your life by becoming a member of BCC? Let us know what is important to you as a new member of our community and what will make being a BCC member a good experience for you.

**PLEASE LIST ALL MINOR CHILDREN WHO ARE PART OF YOUR BCC FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:**

First & Last Name	Nickname	Hebrew Name Transliterated	Date of Birth

BCC occasionally mentions member names in our newsletter, website, social media (Facebook, etc.), bulletin board or at services. Are there any restrictions on mentioning your name or using your photograph in our materials? If so, please specify.

**Yahrzeits** - Reciting *Kaddish* and attending *Yizkor* services are opportunities to remember loved ones who have died. Please list anyone whom you would like to remember annually on the anniversary of their death. You will be notified when your loved one will be remembered at BCC Shabbat Services.

Name of Deceased	Relationship	Yahrzeit of Member#1 or Member #2?	Date of Death (Month/Day/Year)	Before/After Sunset?

**BCC Mentor Program:** Would you like to be matched with a current member who will be available to answer questions, attend services or functions with you and generally orient you with the BCC community? Yes No

**Previous Synagogue Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah Where/Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmed** Yes No

**Current membership/involvement in community organizations:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Getting Involved at BCC



Beth Chayim Chadashim, “House of New Life”- the world’s first synagogue founded in 1972 for lesbian and gay men, began with a small group of Los Angeles Jews who dreamed of celebrating their heritage, creating community and worshipping in a safe sacred space. Today, we continue to affirm the vision of our founders, that all people are created *B’tzelem E-lohim*—in G-d’s image, through our active commitment and joint belief in BCC’s mission. There are numerous ways to help sustain the wellbeing of BCC, now and into the future. Below is a listing of the various standing committees and regular activity groups at BCC, all of which invite your participation, as well as a listing of other areas in which we need volunteers. Please call the BCC office if you have any questions.

**The rewards of participation in BCC’s historical narrative are fond friendships and contributions to the building of a resilient LGBTQ Jewish community.**

**I am/we are interested in the following:**

## **Committees**

- Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick)
- Education
- Fundraising
- House (maintenance of the building)
- Membership
- Public Relations
- Ritual
- Social Action
- Tzedakah Council

## **Activities**

- Book Group
- Choir
- Men’s Havurah
- Women’s Havurah
- Trans Havurah
- NextGen Havurah

## **Other Areas**

- Greet on Friday nights
- Volunteer during the day in the office
- Assist with data entry from home