

BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE GYMNASIUM POLICY AND RULES

1. **OPERATION:** The Beth David Gymnasium will be operated by paid staff and/or trained volunteers. These volunteers and staff members will be on duty to assist members and guests as needed. The gymnasium will operate only when staff members and/or volunteers are on duty.

2. PARTICIPATION:

A. Beth David Membership

1. Members in good standing of Beth David Synagogue are eligible for participation in the gymnasium; provided that members have signed the appropriate liability waiver form for use of the gym.
2. Persons in the sixth grade or younger may participate in the gymnasium if accompanied by an adult at all times, or with adult leaders sponsoring activities for them.

B. Guests

1. Persons who are accompanied by a member of Beth David will be referred to as “guests”.
2. A member may bring up to (3) three guests at one time. Fee is \$3 per guest.
3. A member is responsible for the conduct of his/her guest(s).
4. Guests may leave at any time without a member; however, if the member leaves the gymnasium, the guest must leave also.

C. Visitors

1. Teams and spectators from other institutions (other than B’nai Shalom) will be referred to as “visitors”.
2. The behavior of visitor groups is the responsibility of their institution or group sponsor (coach, leader, etc.).
3. Visitors must comply with the Beth David policies and regulations. Failure to comply may result in suspension of gym-use privileges.
4. All visitors (with the exception of B’nai Shalom interscholastic competition) must be pre-approved by the synagogue administrator.

D. Special Groups

Use by special groups will not, as a rule, be allowed except as follows and as permitted by available schedule times:

1. Jewish non-profit organizations and youth groups.
2. Member parties—Party must be for a member occasion, such as a birthday. Use must be for athletic purposes (no food or drink in gym).
3. Beth David member use for special life-cycle events (eg. Bar Mitzvahs)—logistics, security and rules need to be pre-approved.
4. The gym facility will not be available for use by a) Non-Jewish organizations; (except for B’nai Shalom interscholastic or league play); b) commercial use; or c) private use by individuals other than the described above.
5. Fee - \$50 per hour for events requiring paid supervision.
6. Scheduling shall be done with the synagogue administrator.
7. Supervision – Either paid synagogue supervision or approved volunteer supervision must be available and on site for all functions.

3. GYMNASIUM USAGE POLICY:

A. Gymnasium Hours

1. The gymnasium will be closed for general use Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 6:30 pm.
2. The gymnasium will be closed on the same holidays as the synagogue office.
3. The gymnasium will be closed on Saturday mornings and during religious services.
4. There will be no school-age students admitted during school hours except during holidays and vacations when the gym is scheduled to be open.
5. Normal recreation hours will be as listed below:

Tuesday	Open Play	6:30-10:00 pm
Thursday	Open Play	6:30-10:00 pm
Sunday	Men’s Basketball Open Play	9:00-12:00 noon & 12:00-5:00 pm

B. Equipment

1. Synagogue equipment that has been reserved, must be made available to the person or group who made the reservation. B'nai Shalom equipment is not available for non-school use.
2. Equipment must be used only for its intended purpose.
3. Individuals or groups must pay for replacement of equipment damaged, lost or destroyed due to neglect or careless play. Arrangements for payment must be made with the synagogue administrator.
4. Personal equipment must be labeled.
5. During Open Play, members and guests must provide their own equipment.

C. Reservations

1. All reservations are to be made with the synagogue administrator.
2. Reservations by outside groups will not, as a rule, be accepted except as provided in Section 2, D above.

D. Guidance for reservations and usage

1. All groups must have adequate adult supervision. In addition, all group use, in general, only be scheduled when paid synagogue supervision or approved volunteer supervision, is available and on-site. The suggested ratio of children under the age of 12 to adult is 5:1, for teens to adult, the suggested ration is 10:1.
2. One adult must be designated as a contact person, responsible for ensuring that clean-up is done and that all rules are followed.
3. Organizations, departments, and classes of Beth David synagogue and B'nai Shalom will have priority in reserving the gymnasium.
4. Reservations should be made through the synagogue administrator at least 24 hours in advance if for basketball or volleyball use.
5. All individuals using the gym must register in the sign-in log with the person in charge.

4. OTHER REGULATIONS

A. Gymnasium

1. Scheduled activities will be given priority over free-play, provided 45-days notice is given.
2. Only participants wearing non-marking athletic shoes will be allowed on the gym floor. Hard-soled shoes and street shoes are prohibited.
3. Personal equipment must be clearly marked.
4. The kicking of basketballs or volleyballs is not permitted.
5. Participants must not dunk or hang from basketball goals.
6. Basketball will remain at the 10-foot level, except for supervised children's activities.

B. Behavior and dress code

1. The gymnasium is part of our synagogue. Participants will ensure that their dress and conduct are appropriate.
 - a. Dress must be reasonable and proper, including the wording and graphics on shirts and hats.
 - b. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times. (Basketball games may be played shirts and skins in gymnasium.)
2. There will be no profanity or coarse talk.
3. Public display of affection is inappropriate in the gymnasium.
4. Weapons, animals, tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
5. Playing loud music will not be permitted.

C. Discipline

1. Violation of any written rule or conduct not in keeping with the purposes of the gymnasium may lead to suspension and loss of eligibility to participation in any activity in the gymnasium.
2. Volunteers and paid staff will be trained to enforce the rules adopted by Beth David. The decisions of the Board of Trustees in regard to rules' violation are final.

D. Food, Drink and Smoking

1. Food and drinks are not permitted in the gymnasium.
2. Smoking is not permitted in the gymnasium.

E. Entering and Exiting

1. When entering the gymnasium to use facilities or to participate in programs, always check-in with the person in charge.
2. Unauthorized entrance into the gymnasium may result in suspension of use privileges.
3. Participants are requested to remain inside the gymnasium. Loitering elsewhere in the building or parking lot is prohibited.
4. Participants are requested to be considerate of Beth David's neighbors when arriving or departing the premises.

5. LIABILITY:

A. Liability and Responsibility for Injury

The use of the facility and all equipment will be at risk of the participant. Beth David Synagogue does not assume liability or responsibility for any injury to the user of the facility.

B. Warranty

Beth David Synagogue does not make any express or implied warranty of the premises, the equipment, machinery, fixtures or furniture.

C. Notice

Notice of this fact (liability and responsibility for injury and warranty) will be provided to participants.

D. Injuries

In the event of an injury, the volunteer or staff member in charge should be notified immediately.

**BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE
GYMNASIUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE**

As a member or guest of Beth David Synagogue (the “Synagogue”), I request authorization for myself and for my minor children listed below, if any, to use the Synagogue Gymnasium (“Gymnasium”). I acknowledge that use of the Gymnasium by myself and my children, is expressly conditioned on my agreement to each of the terms of this document.

For myself and my minor children listed below, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. Use of the Gymnasium involves physical exercise that may cause injury. My/Our use of the Gymnasium is a voluntary activity in all respects and I/we assume all risks of injury and illness that may result from such use.
2. Neither the Synagogue nor any of its members, Trustees, officers or employees will be liable in any respect for any injury or illness arising out of or in connection with my/our use of the Gymnasium and I/we release and forever discharge the Synagogue and its members, Trustees, officers and employees from and covenant not to sue any of them with respect to any and all liabilities, claims, damages, costs and expenses arising out of or in connection with any such injury or illness. This is a complete and irrevocable release and waiver of all liability.
3. I have been advised by the Synagogue to consult with a physician before either I (or my children) undertake any physical exercise program. I certify that I/we are in good health and sufficient physical condition to properly use the Gymnasium; that I/we are knowledgeable about the proper use of any equipment that I/we will use and the rules of any activities that I/we will participate in; and that I/we will carefully read the operating instructions for any Gymnasium equipment prior to use and will operate such equipment in strict accordance with instructions.
4. The Synagogue is not responsible for any loss or theft of personal property brought to or left in the Gymnasium and I/we release the Synagogue from any liability for such loss or theft.
5. I/We understand and agree to adhere to the synagogue Gymnasium Policy and Rules which are available in the Gymnasium office.
6. I am responsible for the actions of any guest I/we bring to the Gymnasium and I will indemnify and hold harmless the Synagogue and its members, Trustees, officers and employees from all liabilities, claims, damages, costs and expenses arising out of or in connection with any injury or illness incurred by such guest. I agree that I am responsible for assuring that all such guests adhere to the Gymnasium Policy and Rules.

This document is binding upon me/us and my/our heirs, children, personal representatives and anyone entitled to act on my/our behalf.

Signed: _____

Minor Children (if any):

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____
