

Charter for Congregation Beth Emeth Israel Support Committee (Ad Hoc Committee)

Mission Statement: One goal of CBE is to provide members of our congregation with opportunities to explore and build an enduring relationship with Israel. It is important that our congregation be able to articulate why Israel plays an important role in their personal Jewish identities and how Israel continues to influence Jewish conversations, global Jewish peoplehood, and the world. The mission of the Israel Support Committee is to undertake activities in support of that goal.

Activities of Committee: The Israel Support Committee shall:

- Work with other committees in the synagogue when there are programs relevant to pro-Israel advocacy or against the Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) movement and support education events at CBE.
- Cultivate relationships with organizations (such as churches, fraternal organizations, etc.) in the community so that channels of communication on the subject of Israel and BDS will be open when they are needed.
- Communicate with organizations in the community on an as-needed basis on the subject of advocating for Israel when a pro-Israel voice needs to be heard, and against the BDS movement.

Statement in Support of Israel and Policy Regarding Programming

Congregation Beth Emeth (CBE) remains steadfast in its commitment to the State of Israel and to its people. We value freedom of expression, robust dialogue and diversity of opinion – the hallmarks of an open democratic society that characterize both our nation and the State of Israel.

Israel is a central element of Jewish life and a gateway to Jewish identification for many in our congregation. We will continue our efforts to raise awareness and educate our congregation by offering a wide range of educational programming and experiences and welcome opportunities to partner with organizations, work with groups and bring speakers with diverse perspectives. However, CBE unequivocally rejects the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement which challenges Israel's legitimate right to exist as a Jewish, democratic state. We affirm Israel's rightful place as a sovereign nation in the family of nations.

We stand by Israel as a member of the community of nations, and we are committed to supporting Israel as the Jewish homeland.

CBE Israel programming policy:

- Programs that contain any of the elements described above, whether it is a program developed by CBE or brought to CBE by a potential partner, group or organization must first seek the approval of CBE Executive Committee. The content of these programs will be discussed by the Executive Committee before any scheduling takes place.
- It is essential that the content of programs regarding Israel, which are offered by or through CBE, be presented in a manner consistent with this policy.
- We will not support, host or partner with any organization that denies the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish and democratic state, encourages boycott of, divestment from or sanctions against the State of Israel in pursuit of goals to isolate or delegitimize the Jewish State.