

## Congregation Bamidbar Social Media Policy

As an evolving, vibrant, growing Reform Jewish congregation, we view the use of blogs and social networks as a wonderful opportunity to connect with members of our diverse community. We also understand that many of our volunteers use social media in their personal lives.

We appreciate our members and guests. Following these simple rules will ensure that everyone enjoys engaging with Bamidbar through one or more of our social media accounts. Please keep in mind that your best guideline is common sense and respect. Your use of social media should only add to a positive sense of community within our synagogue and the world at large.

### Protect Others' Privacy

Posting pictures and videos from events is a great way to keep the community aware of the opportunities for fun and learning provided by our synagogue.

- Protect those who may be concerned about having their image posted online. If possible, let adults know whether you plan on posting photos or videos of them on social media. Refrain from associating their photo with their full name or other personal information, and don't "tag" them unless instructed to do so.
- Our children need additional protection. Therefore, we ask that you post pictures of children in such a manner that their faces are not identifiable. If you would like to post an identifiable picture of a child under 18, make sure you get permission from a parent first. Don't post their name, location, or any other personal information about them.

### Be Respectful

On our website and on social media, personal attacks and threats WILL NOT be tolerated. Such behavior will be dealt with expeditiously.

### No Politics

On Bamidbar's Facebook and Twitter feeds, political discussions are not allowed, *even if we would agree with your opinions*. Regardless of which side of the argument you're on, political discussions can spiral out of control *very* quickly, and we want people to enjoy using our social media accounts to discuss the congregation, and Judaism, with us.

### Right to Refuse Service

Violations of this policy may result in warnings, or may result in the offender being blocked from Bamidbar's social media accounts, at the sole discretion of Bamidbar's Board of Trustees.