



# Congregation Ahavas Achim to Host Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Bashert

Newburyport's Congregation Ahavas Achim will host for a Shabbat Chai on Friday, May 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Bashert is an ensemble of seven vocalists and instrumentalists from Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley in Andover, Massachusetts. The band strives to engage the Jewish community through musical Friday night services, drawing on a variety of sources for melodies for Kabbalat Shabbat (welcoming the Jewish Sabbath). Each selection in the Kabbalat Shabbat service is arranged by the group, with sounds that range from soulful and contemplative to joyous and uplifting. Most of all, Bashert strives to render the melodies in ways that are appealing to and able to be sung by all, and enthusiastically encourages congregational participation throughout the service.

The service will be followed by a pot luck dinner buffet. There is no cost for the meal, and advance registration for the service and/or the meal is not required. All are welcome (not required) to contribute a dish to the pot luck. Please follow the synagogue's pot luck policy, which can be found at <https://images.shulcloud.com/509/uploads/2020/Potlucks.pdf>.