

UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT JEWISH DENOMINATIONS

What do all of these different kinds of Judaism look like?

This is intended to be a very simplified guide to the basics and does not by any means encompass the intricacies of these traditions. There are also many more denominations present in American Jewish life than what are represented here and within each of these denomination there is a wide range of practices and identities as Jews.

REFORM

- prioritization of Jewish ethics over Jewish law
- focus on social justice
- adapting Judaism to modern realities and sensibilities
- emphasis on personal, informed choice and finding your own path and practice

For more information, visit:
urj.org or reformjudaism.org

CONSERVATIVE

- observance of Jewish law but with a wide range of practices; law is seen as binding but up for interpretation
- balance holding to tradition and embracing modernity
- identify as conserving Jewish tradition, not as political conservative

For more information, visit:
uscj.org

RECONSTRUCTIONIST

- created based on the thinking of Mordecai Kaplan
- view Judaism as evolving and as more than law and ritual
- emphasis on Jewish culture
- progressive
- focus on innovation

For more information, visit:
reconstructingjudaism.org

MODERN ORTHODOX

- adhere to traditional understandings of Jewish law
- balance traditional Jewish observances with modernity
- focus on community
- fully integrated into modern society

For more information, visit:
ou.org

CHABAD

- orthodox movement (Hasidic)
- belief in Torah Judaism
- traditional adherence to Jewish law
- known for outreach and the creation of "Chabad Houses" in most major cities in the world

For more information, visit:
chabad.org

ULTRA-ORTHODOX

- also known as Haredi Jews broad category encompassing many smaller communities with a range of beliefs and practices
- View Torah as absolute and the source of all answers to how to live one's life
- emphasis on scholarship and learning
- generally insular communities

HUMANIST

- human-centered philosophy with less focus on God
- emphasis on rational thinking and connection to community/culture
- appeals to self-identified cultural and/or secular Jews

For more information, visit:
shj.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Many of these denominations have governing organizations that oversee congregations as well as additional arms of the movement like:

- youth groups
- social justice organizations
- seminaries that train rabbis

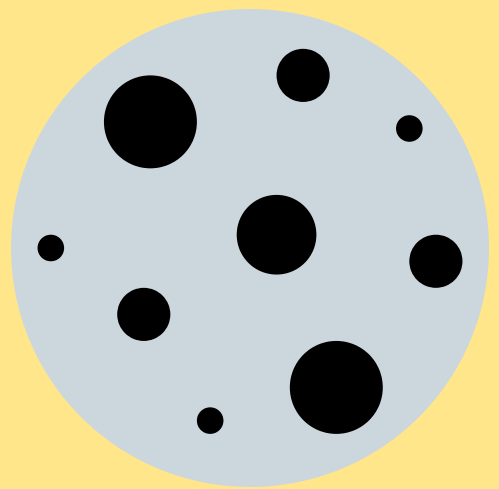
JEWISH TIME

Understanding the Jewish Calendar

THE BASICS

LUNAR

the Jewish calendar is based off of the moon which means that days (and holidays) are counted from sundown to sunrise



SUN V. MOON

the secular (Gregorian) calendar which is based on the sun is on average 11 days longer than the Jewish lunar calendar which is why Jewish holidays fall on a different (secular) day every year

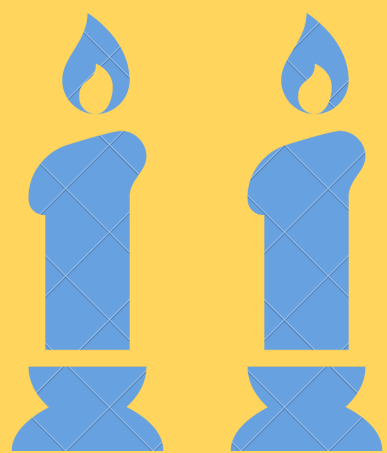


MONTHS

there are either 12 or 13 months in the Jewish calendar (depending if its a leap year): Tishrei, Cheshvan, Kislev, Tevet, Shevat, Adar, Nissan, Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av, Elul

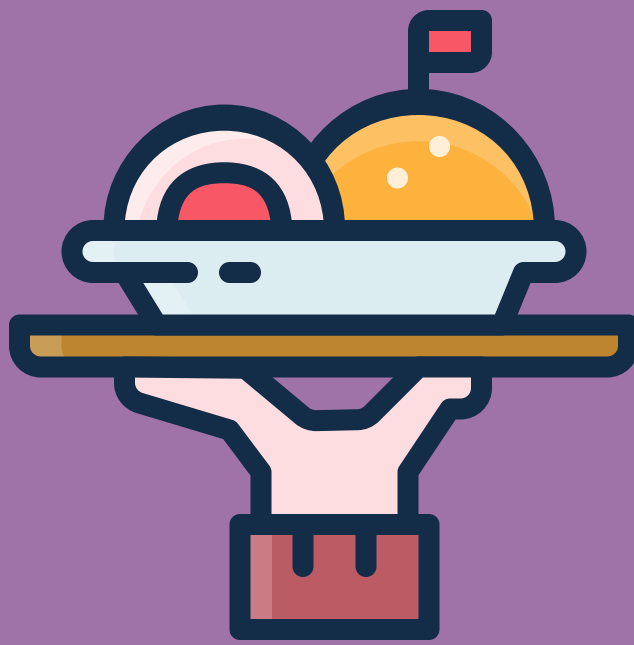
SHABBAT

a week in Jewish time is centered around Shabbat - in Israel, Sunday is the first day of the week (instead of Monday) and the weekend days are Friday/Saturday



FUN FACT

you will often hear people say that the Jewish holidays are early or late this year - they're never on time!



WHAT IS KOSHER?

THE TERMS:

Keeping Kosher: eating in accordance w/Jewish law

Kashrut: Jewish law dealing with what foods can and cannot be eaten & how they should be prepared

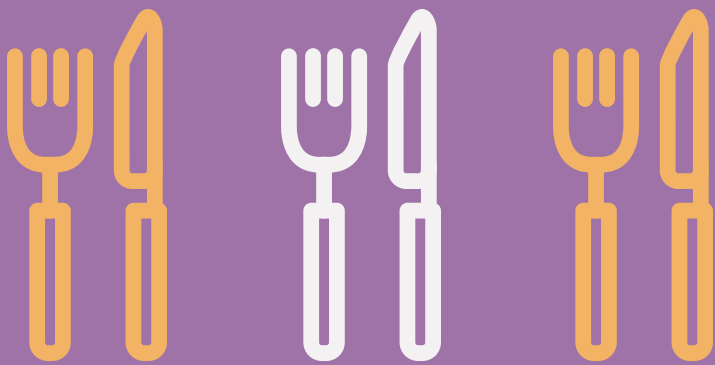
Trief: a food that is not kosher (usually refers to shellfish and pork)

Kosher Style: no foods that are explicitly not Kosher (trief) and no mixing of milk and meat within the same dish but the food is not specifically certified kosher

Pareve: food that is not in the category of milk or meat (ex: fish, eggs, non-dairy creamer etc.)

THE BASICS:

- no shellfish
- no pork
- no mixing of milk and meat



there are different levels of certification that something is Kosher - you may see different symbols on packaged foods that indicate what authority certified that product

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF:

dishes, utensils, tables, microwaves etc. can all become unkosher... to avoid offending anyone or finding yourself in an awkward situation, ask about the kashrut policy of

- an open eating space or at a specific event:
 - what food can/cannot enter this space?
is there a marking system to know what
 - utensils are meat/dairy/pareve?
is this a meat or a dairy kitchen/event?
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TYPICALLY IN JULY OR AUGUST

Tisha B'Av

THE 9TH OF THE MONTH
OF AV

A DAY OF MOURNING REMEMBERING THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE HISTORIC HOLY
TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM

**WAYS PEOPLE
MAY CELEBRATE:**
fasting
acting according to
Jewish mourning customs



WHILE THIS HOLIDAY
SPECIFICALLY MARKS
THE DESTRUCTION OF
THE TEMPLE, MANY
JEWISH TRAGEDIES
HAVE OCCURRED ON
THIS DAY

THEMES

mourning
sadness
remembrance

YOU MAY SEE:

walking to synagogue
sad, somber faces
simple clothing

**BOTH TEMPLES IN
JERUSALEM WERE
DESTROYED ON THE
9TH OF AV, THE FIRST
IN 423 BCE AND THE
SECOND IN 70CE**



GREETINGS

on Tisha B'Av, many follow
the practice that it is
forbidden to greet one
another

TYPICALLY IN MAY OR JUNE

Shavuot

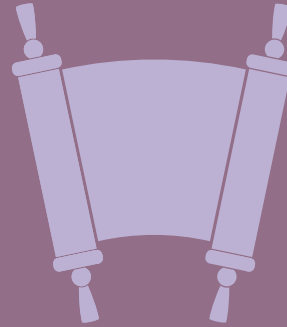
THE FESTIVAL OF WEEKS

LITERALLY MEANS "WEEKS"

CELEBRATING THE GIVING OF THE TORAH
ON MOUNT SINAI

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

studying all night long
reading the Book of Ruth
confirming high school
students



SHAVUOT MARKS THE
COMPLETION OF A
PERIOD OF
COUNTING OF THE 7
WEEKS AFTER
PASSOVER

THEMES

covenant
loving-kindness
study and education

YOU MAY SEE:

dairy foods (like
cheesecake)
floral and other sweet
smelling decorations

THE BOOK OF RUTH IS
READ ON SHAVUOT TO
HIGHLIGHT THE STORY
OF HER CONVERSION
AND HER ACT OF
CHOOSING JUDAISM



GREETINGS

there are no specific
greetings for Shavuot -
the general "chag
sameach" (happy holidays)
applies

TYPICALLY IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE

Yom HaZikaron

ISRAELI DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

LITERALLY "DAY OF MEMORY"

NATIONAL DAY OF PUBLIC MOURNING FOR
ISRAEL'S FALLEN SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS
OF TERROR

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

hosting a memorial tekes
(ceremony)
listening to somber music
moment of silence

YOU MAY SEE:

white clothing
sad, somber music
cancelation of
lighthearted activities

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HAR (MOUNT) HERZL IS
THE ISRAELI MILITARY
CEMETERY WHERE
FALLEN SOLDIERS ARE
BURIED, SIMILAR TO
ARLINGTON NATIONAL
CEMETERY IN DC

YOM HAZIKARON
TRANSITIONS INTO YOM
HAAZTMAUT
(INDEPENDENCE DAY) AND
IN AN INSTANT, THE
ENTIRE COUNTRY SHIFTS
FROM MOURNING TO
CELEBRATING



THEMES

remembrance
mourning
loss

GREETINGS

there are no specific
greetings for Yom
HaZikaron

TYPICALLY IN LATE MAY EARLY JUNE

Yom Haatzmaut

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

CELEBRATED ON THE GREGORIAN
CALENDAR ON MAY 14TH

COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING OF
THE STATE OF ISRAEL

**WAYS PEOPLE
MAY CELEBRATE:**
bonfires and cookouts
listening to Israeli music
Israeli dancing



YOM HAATZMAUT IS NOT
A DAY CELEBRATED BY
EVERYONE, MANY REFER
TO THE DAY AS "AL
NAKHBA" - "THE
DISASTER" - AND
CONSIDER THIS DAY AS
ONE OF MOURNING

THEMES
independence
freedom
celebration

YOU MAY SEE:
people wearing blue and
white
Israeli flags
Israeli food

ISRAEL'S HIGHEST HONOR,
THE ISRAEL PRIZE FOR
ACHIEVEMENT IN CULTURE,
ARTS, SCIENCE AND
HUMANITIES IS AWARDED ON
YOM HAATZMAUT



GREETINGS
there are no specific
greetings for Yom
Haatzmaut

TYPICALLY IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY

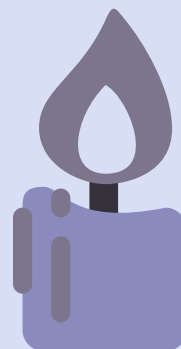
Yom HaShoah

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING THE LOSS OF SIX MILLION
JEWS IN THE HOLOCAUST

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

ceremonies in synagogues
or other communal
locations
prayer services



YOU MAY SEE:

sharing of stories of
Holocaust survivors
traditional Jewish music
from Eastern Europe

ON YOM HASHOAH,
PEOPLE OFTEN LIGHT
CANDLES AS A SIGN
OF REMEMBRANCE OF
THOSE WHO PERISHED

"SHOAH" IS THE
HEBREW WORD FOR
THE HOLOCAUST; IN
HEBREW IT MEANS
"CATASTROPHE"

שואה

THEMES

remembrance
mourning
loss

GREETINGS

there are no specific
greetings for Yom
HaShoah

TYPICALLY IN MAY

Lag B'Omer

THE 33RD DAY OF THE OMER

THE OMER IS THE PERIOD BETWEEN
PASSOVER AND SHAVUOT THAT IS SEMI-
MOURNFUL

ON THE 33RD DAY OF COUNTING THE
OMER THERE IS A BREAK FROM MOURNING
FOR CELEBRATION

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

- light bonfires
- listen to music
- plant trees
- picnics



YOU MAY SEE:
resumption of activities
forbidden in the first part
of the Omer such as
celebrating weddings or
getting haircuts

**THE HEBREW WORD
FOR BONFIRE IS
MIDURAH**

**THE FULL PERIOD OF
COUNTING THE OMER
SPANS 49 DAYS FROM
PASSOVER TO
SHAVUOT**



THEMES
celebration
reflection

GREETINGS
there are no specific
greetings for Lag B'Omer -
the general "chag
sameach" (happy holidays)
applies

TYPICALLY IN LATE MARCH OR APRIL

Passover

THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM

ALSO CALLED PESACH

OBSERVED FOR EITHER 7 OR 8 DAYS

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

Passover seder(s) –
ceremony with festive meal
refraining from eating
foods that rise

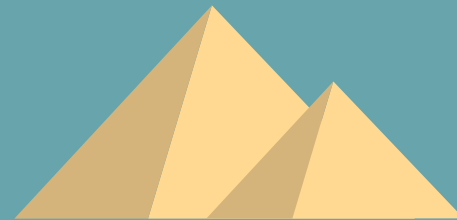
YOU MAY SEE:

Passover symbols
arranged on a special
seder plate
men wearing a white robe
called a kittel



**DURING A PASSOVER
SEDER, 4 GLASSES OF
WINE ARE CONSUMED**

**PASSOVER
CELEBRATES THE
ISRAELITES' EXODUS
FROM EGYPT WHERE
THEY WERE SLAVES
UNDER PHARAOH**



THEMES

redemption
freedom
miracles
gratitude

GREETINGS

"Happy Passover!"
"Chag sameach"

TYPICALLY IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY

Tu B'Shvat

THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES

NAMED FOR THE DAY OF THE HEBREW
MONTH THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON - THE
15TH OF SHVAT

**WAYS PEOPLE
MAY CELEBRATE:**
hosting a Tu B'shvat seder
offering blessings over
different foods that come
from trees



YOU MAY SEE:
planting trees
service projects in nature
people spending time
outdoors

**FOR MANY, TU B'SHVAT
IS CONNECTED TO THE
STATE OF ISRAEL AND
THE TYPES OF TREES
THAT GROW IN THE LAND
OF ISRAEL**

**THE 7 SPECIES OF
THE LAND OF ISRAEL
ACCORDING TO THE
TORAH ARE FIG,
DATE, BARLEY,
WHEAT, GRAPE, OLIVE
AND POMEGRANATE**



THEMES
nature
giving

GREETINGS
there are no specific
greetings for Tu B'Shvat -
the general "chag
sameach" (happy holidays)
applies

TYPICALLY IN LATE NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

Hannukah

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

CHANUKAH, HANNUKAH, HANUKA - ITS
ALL THE SAME!

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

lighting candles on a
menorah
eating foods fried in oil

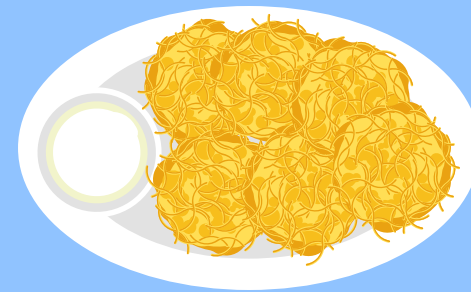


YOU MAY SEE:

exchanging of gifts
menorahs displayed in
windows and public
places

EVERY NIGHT, ANOTHER
CANDLE IS LIT FROM
RIGHT TO LEFT,
CREATING MORE AND
MORE LIGHT AS THE
HOLIDAY CONTINUES

THERE IS A GREAT
DEBATE AS TO
WHETHER APPLE
SAUCE OR SOUR
CREAM IS THE BEST
TOPPING FOR LATKAS
(POTATO PANCAKES)



THEMES

light
resilience
miracles

GREETINGS

"Happy Hannukah!"
"Chag urim sameach"

TYPICALLY IN OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER

Simchat Torah

THE FESTIVAL OF REJOICING IN THE TORAH

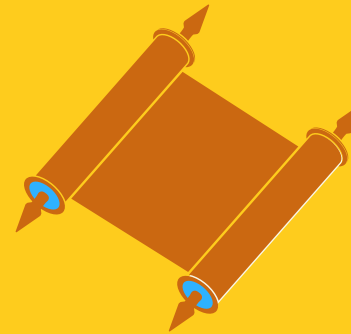
CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF THE
YEARLY TORAH READING CYCLE

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

going to synagogue
reading the end of
Deuteronomy and the
beginning of Genesis

YOU MAY SEE:

dancing with the Torah
unrolling of the Torah



THE TORAH IS
REFERRED TO IN
JEWISH TRADITION
AS "A TREE OF LIFE
FOR ALL WHO HOLD
FAST TO IT"

ON SIMCHAT TORAH,
THERE ARE 7
HAKAFOT WHICH
INVOLVE TAKING THE
TORAHS OUT OF THE
ARK AND DANCING



THEMES

celebration
learning
commitment

GREETINGS

there are no specific
greetings for Simchat
Torah - the general "chag
sameach" (happy holidays)
applies

TYPICALLY IN LATE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER OR EARLY
NOVEMBER

Sukkot

FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS

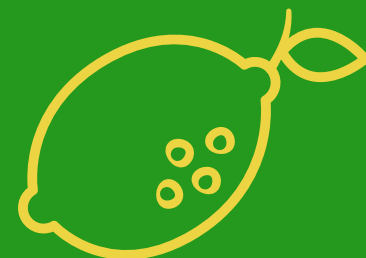
ALSO CALLED THE "TIME OF OUR JOY"

CELEBRATED FOR 7 OR 8 DAYS
THE 8TH DAY IS CALLED SHEMINI
ATZERET

**WAYS PEOPLE
MAY CELEBRATE:**
building a sukkah (type of
hut or open structure)
inviting others to your
sukkah



THE ETROG IS A KIND
OF CITRUS FRUIT;
IT HAS AN
IMPORTANT TIP
CALLED A "PITOM"
THAT CAN'T BE
BROKEN



THEMES
harvest
gratitude
blessings
hospitality

YOU MAY SEE:
different kinds of sukkahs
people spending time
outdoors
ritual objects - lulav and
Etrog

THE LULAV IS MADE
OF MULTIPLE KINDS
OF BRANCHES AND IS
SHAKEN IN ALL
DIRECTIONS TO
REPRESENT THAT GOD
IS EVERYWHERE

GREETINGS
there are no specific
greetings for Sukkot - the
general "chag sameach"
(happy holidays) applies

TYPICALLY IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER

Yom Kippur

DAY OF ATONEMENT

PART OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS (HHD)

SOMETIMES ABBREVIATED TO YK

CULMINATION OF THE 10 DAYS OF
REPENTANCE

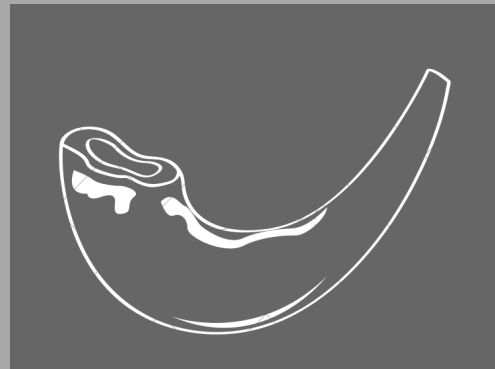
WAYS PEOPLE

MAY CELEBRATE:

worshipping at synagogue
fasting for 25 hours with a
big meal before and a
large break fast to end

YOU MAY SEE:

walking to synagogue
sad, somber faces
white clothing



**YOM KIPPUR
OFFICIALLY ENDS
WITH A FINAL
BLAST OF THE
SHOFAR**

**ON YOM KIPPUR WE
REMEMBER THOSE
WHO HAVE DIED
WITH A SPECIAL
"YIZKOR" SERVICE
AND CANDLES**



THEMES

judgement
repentance
atonement
forgiveness

GREETINGS

"G'mar hatima tova"
"May you be sealed in the
book of life"

TYPICALLY IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER

Rosh Hashanah

THE JEWISH NEW YEAR

LITERALLY "HEAD OF THE YEAR"

PART OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS (HHD)

SOMETIMES ABBREVIATED TO RH

WAYS PEOPLE

MAY CELEBRATE:

worshipping at synagogue
large group dinners
observing either 1 or 2
days

YOU MAY SEE:

walking to synagogue
pomegranates (symbol of
Rosh Hashanah themes)



APPLES AND HONEY
ARE EATEN TO
SYMBOLIZE A
SWEET NEW YEAR

SHOFAR: A RAM'S
HORN IS BLOWN
LIKE A TRUMPET,
INTENDED TO
AWAKEN OUR
SOULS



THEMES

renewal
celebration
creation
preparing for judgement
repentance

GREETINGS

"Shana Tova"
"Happy New Year"
"May you be inscribed in
the book of life"

EVERY WEEK!

Shabbat

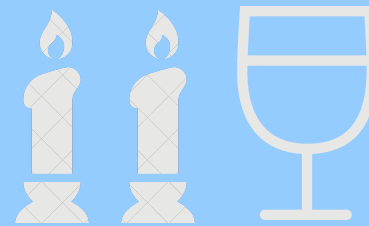
THE DAY OF REST

CELEBRATED EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT TO
SATURDAY NIGHT

ALSO KNOWN AS "SHABBOS" OR "THE
SABBATH"

WAYS PEOPLE MAY CELEBRATE:

going to synagogue
resting and not working
studying Jewish texts



YOU MAY SEE:

large communal meals
more time with family
people wearing a talit
(prayer shawl)

AS SHABBAT BEGINS,
THERE ARE BLESSINGS
OFFERED OVER THE
CANDLES, WINE AND
CHALLAH BREAD

AT THE END OF SHABBAT
ON SATURDAY NIGHT,
THERE IS A HAVDALLAH
CEREMONY TO MARK THE
TRANSITION FROM
SHABBAT INTO THE REST
OF THE WEEK



THEMES

rest
creation
celebration

GREETINGS

"Shabbat Shalom"
"Good Shabbos"



UNDERSTANDING THE CINCINNATI JEWISH COMMUNITY

**SOCIAL
SERVICE
AGENCIES**

**JEWISH
EDUCATION**

**LOCAL
CONGREGATIONS**

THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN CINCINNATI CAN BE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOW CATEGORIES

**COMMUNITY
FUNDERS**

**LOCAL CHAPTER
OF NATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS**



SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

JCC · JFS · BARBASH CENTER · JVS CAREER SERVICES · JCGC
· HALOM HOUSE · CEDAR VILLAGE
· SAFE CINCINNATI · SHARED BUSINESS SERVICES · AGEWELL

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

8485 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 761-7500

mayersonjcc.org

Other Names: JCC, the J



MAYERSON JCC
of Cincinnati

The Mayerson JCC provides the Jewish and secular communities of Greater Cincinnati with resources, facilities and programs which enhance their physical, intellectual and social lives. The JCC offers services in wellness and recreation, senior services, Jewish programming, early childhood center, cultural arts and a café.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

9395 Kenwood Rd. St 100

Cincinnati, OH 45242

(513) 469-1188 jfscinti.org

Other Names: JFS



jewish family service
CINCINNATI

Jewish Family Service of Cincinnati strengthens lives and our community by providing professional social services to families and individuals in times of need. JFS strives to lead the way to a Jewish community where everyone lives with dignity, security, and hope. JFS works in the areas of aging and caregiver services, Youth and Family Services, and vital services support.

BARBASH FAMILY VITAL SUPPORT CENTER

3113 Clifton Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45220

(513) 766-3370

jfscinti.org/vital-support-center



jewish family service

CINCINNATI

Jewish Family Service offers a unique holistic approach to promote wellness and stability to families experiencing poverty, hunger and mental illness at the Barbash Family Vital Support Center. The center offers a food pantry, case management to promote stability and peer-based socialization activities to encourage wellness and recovery all under one roof housed on the Hebrew Union College campus. The Jewish Family Service Barbash Family Vital Support Center provides a new approach to tackling the growing needs of the most vulnerable members of our community.

STARPOINT HOME CARE

8487 Ridge Rd

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 766-3339

starpointhomecare.org



StarPoint Home Care employs private duty aides to help clients with daily living activities so they can feel comfortable, secure, and independent wherever they are – at home, in a hospital, in a physical rehab center, etc. Caregivers assist clients with personal care needs such as bathing and dressing along with providing companionship by being good listeners, playing cards, and taking clients to some of their favorite activities in the Cincinnati area. StarPoint is a subsidiary of Jewish Family Service (JFS).

JVS CAREER SERVICES

4540 Cooper Road Suite 300

Cincinnati, OH 45242

(513) 936-9675

jvscareers.org



JVS Career Services is an organization that supports the Cincinnati community by helping job-seeking individuals and companies find each other and form stronger, more satisfying and more productive relationships. JVS Career Services works with people who are unemployed, under-employed or unhappily employed and with employers who are looking for skilled, motivated people. JVS Career Services seeks to be the leader in delivering meaningful employment opportunities for all in Cincinnati by connecting employees and employers and strengthening Cincinnati.

JEWISH CEMETERIES OF GREATER CINCINNATI

3400 Montgomery Road

Cincinnati, OH 45207

(513) 961-0178

jcemcin.org

Other Names: JCGC



JCGC is a non-profit corporation operating 23 of the 26 Jewish cemeteries in the Greater Cincinnati area. These cemeteries comprise 60 acres in seven locations. JCGC services approximately 150 burials a year in addition to maintaining and improving the grounds.

HALOM HOUSE

4680 Hunt Road

Cincinnati, OH 45242

(513) 791-2912

halomhouse.com



Halom House, Inc. provides 24 hour and drop in services to adults with developmental disabilities. Halom House offers three types of residential support services: group home, supportive living and respite services. Halom House owns and operates an 8-person group home in Blue Ash which provides 24-hour residential support services.

CEDAR VILLAGE

5467 Cedar Village Drive

Mason, OH 45040

(513) 754-3100

cedarvillage.org



Cedar Village Foundation

Life begins at Cedar Village.

Cedar Village is a community that's been built on Jewish values that anyone of any faith or denomination can appreciate, with the purpose of making every resident feel like they are right where they should be, each and every day. Values like respecting our elders, making our world a better place, giving back, growing multi-generational relationships and building a strong inner life are seen and practiced every day at Cedar Village. Cedar Village strives to provide what older adults need to plan for and live their lives as they choose. Cedar Village offers services in the areas of assisted living, home health, short term rehabilitation, skilled nursing, hospice, and driving assessment.

SAFE CINCINNATI

8499 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 985-1500

jewishcincinnati.org/safe-cincinnati



SAFE Cincinnati is a community-wide initiative to improve Jewish Cincinnati's readiness to deal with security threats and natural disasters. SAFE Cincinnati is dedicated to maintaining an open and welcoming community. Together through our physical security improvements, emergency preparedness plans, and communications processes, we will continue to make Cincinnati a safe environment for all.

SHARED BUSINESS SERVICES

8499 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 985-1500

jewishcincinnati.org/about-shared-business-services

Other Names: SBS



SBS provides Finance & Accounting services to 21 agencies and Human Resource services to 9 organizations. SBS is directly accountable to client executives and boards for contracted services. SBS is a community program operated by The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, with funding from The Jewish Foundation.

AGEWELL

9395 Kenwood Rd, Suite
100 Cincinnati, OH 45242
(513) 766-3333
agewellcincy.org



To meet the needs of those 60 and better, the Cincinnati Jewish Senior Service Coalition created AgeWell Cincinnati — a central solution that links older adults, their family members, friends, and caregivers to community resources for aging well in Jewish Cincinnati. AgeWell Cincinnati recognizes that the needs of each older adult are unique, and that finding the right solution can be challenging. Even knowing where to start can be daunting. With access to credentialed resource experts, AgeWell Cincinnati delivers personalized solutions, available at no charge, to enhance independence and help you live a healthy and enjoyable life.



JEWISH EDUCATION

ROCKWERN ACADEMY · CINCINNATI HEBREW DAY SCHOOL ·
OHR TORAH · ATARA GIRLS SCHOOL · HILLEL · CAMP
LIVINGSTON · HOLOCAUST AND HUMANITY CENTER · HUC · AJA

ROCKWERN ACADEMY

8401 Montgomery Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 984-3770

rockwernacademy.org

Other Names: Yavneh (former name of school, sometimes still referred to)



Rockwern Academy provides a standard of academic excellence, supported by a warm, inclusive community grounded in Jewish values. An integrated, multi-disciplined curriculum for early childhood through 8th grade supports personal and intellectual growth through discovery and hands-on experiences.

CINCINNATI HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

2222 Losantiville Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45237

(513) 351-7777

chdsonline.org

Other Names: CHDS



CHDS provides a rigorous dual curriculum that caters to the individual needs of each student in a secure and nurturing environment. CHDS's strengths-based educational model ignites the spark in every child, cultivating a passion for learning and a love of Torah.

OHR TORAH CINCINNATI

4131 Matson Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 351-1482

ohrtorahcincinnati.org



Ohr Torah empowers and inspires Jewish children to live purpose-driven, fulfilling and joyful lives and to develop into diligent, competent life-long learners and leaders who are deeply devoted to Yiddishkeit (Jewish tradition) and who make positive and meaningful contributions to the World and Klal Yisrael (Jewish community).

ATARA GIRLS SCHOOL

6701 Elbrook Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45237

(513) 366-3946

ataragirlshs.com



Atara Girls High School offers a rigorous academic and spiritual experience where girls thrive in a collaborative, interactive and intellectually challenging environment. Atara is committed to superior academic achievement and spiritual growth within the context of ensuring the complete overall development of each student. The curriculum has been developed with an emphasis on advancements in pedagogy and technology as part of essential components in education. Atara is distinguished by their dedication to cultivating a passion for learning, independent thinking, personal integrity and a steadfast commitment to serve the greater Jewish community.

HILLEL

UC: 2615 Clifton Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45220

(513) 221-6728

hillelcincinnati.org

Miami: 11 E Walnut St

Oxford, OH 45056

(513) 523-5190

muhillel.org



Hillel is the largest Jewish campus organization in the world, working with thousands of college students globally. Hillel has branch organization on many college campuses and the Cincinnati community works with and supports the Hillel centers at the University of Cincinnati and Miami University of Ohio.

CAMP LIVINGSTON

8485 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 793-5554

camplivingston.com



In the rolling, wooded hills of southeastern Indiana, Camp Livingston offers a summer experience for Jewish children and teens. Camp Livingston is a safe and nurturing environment where campers gain self-esteem, build confidence, and form lasting friendships with their cabin and unit friends, all within a fun and exciting atmosphere. Campers come to know and love themselves, their community, and their place in the greater world.

HOLOCAUST AND HUMANITY CENTER

1301 Western Ave, Suite 2101

Cincinnati, OH 45203

(513) 487-3055

Holocaustandhumanity.org

Other Names: HHC



The Holocaust & Humanity Center exists to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust inspire action today. HHC educates about the Holocaust, remembers its victims and acts on its lessons. Through innovative programs and partnerships, HHC challenges injustice, inhumanity and prejudice, and fosters understanding, inclusion and engaged citizenship. HHC impacts over 100,000 individuals each year.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

3101 Clifton Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45220

(513) 221-1875

huc.edu

Other Names: HUC, HUC-JIR



HUC is the largest Jewish seminary in North America for Jewish studies, preparing rabbis, cantors, leaders in Jewish education, Jewish nonprofit professional, pastoral counselors and scholars to apply their knowledge, commitment vision and expertise to strength and transform the Jewish community and the larger world. HUC has 4 campuses in Jerusalem, Cincinnati, New York and Los Angeles. Cincinnati is the original, historic campus and houses a rabbinical school, the Pines School of Graduate Studies, the American Jewish Archives, the Klau Library, the Skirball Museum and is the physical location for the Barbash Vital Support Center.

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

3101 Clifton Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45220

(513) 487-3017

americanjewisharchives.org

Other Names: AJA, the archives



THE JACOB RADER MARCUS CENTER OF THE
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives was established in 1947 by renowned historian, Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus to collect, preserve, and make available for research, materials on the history of Jews and Jewish communities in the Western Hemisphere. Today the AJA houses over ten million pages of documentation. The AJA exists to preserve the continuity of Jewish life and learning for future generations and aspires to serve scholars, educators, students, and researchers of all backgrounds and beliefs.



LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

CONGREGATION BETH ADAM · ROCKDALE TEMPLE · WISE TEMPLE · VALLEY
TEMPLE · TEMPLE SHOLOM · ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION · NORTHERN HILLS
SYNAGOGUE · BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION · CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM ·
CONGREGATION ZICHRON ELIEZER · GOLF MANOR SYNAGOGUE ·
CONGREGATION SHAAREI TORAH

CONGREGATION BETH ADAM

10001 Loveland-Madeira Road

Loveland, OH 45140

(513) 985-0400

bethadam.org

Denomination: Humanist



Congregation Beth Adam was established in 1980 in response to the needs of a contemporary and diverse Jewish community. Dedicated to the celebration of Jewish holidays and life cycle events, Beth Adam approaches Judaism from a humanistic perspective. As a congregation Beth Adam affirms a moral commitment to human dignity and ethical behavior. Beth Adam encourages each member to explore his or her Jewish heritage with an open mind and a willingness to take personal responsibility in determining his or her life course.

ROCKDALE TEMPLE

8501 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 891-9900

rockdaletemple.org

Other Names: KK Bene Israel

Denomination: Reform



The purpose and values of Rockdale Temple are to promote the fundamental and enduring principles of Judaism as expressed in the Reform Jewish movement; to ensure the continuity and future of the Jewish people; to cultivate a love and understanding of Jewish culture and traditions; to promote the religious and spiritual needs of its members; to enable its members to develop a relationship with the one God through communal worship, study of Torah, activities and assembly; to promote a more just, righteous, and compassionate world; to apply the teachings of Judaism to the values and conduct of the individual, the family, and the society in which we live; and to project a positive presence in the community and the world for the public.

ISAAC M. WISE TEMPLE

8329 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 793-2556

wisetemple.org

Other Names: KK Bene Yehurun

Denomination: Reform



Isaac M. Wise Temple, a sacred community, cultivates deep multi-generational connections with Reform Judaism, each other, God, and the world around us through meaningful worship, lifelong Jewish learning, and acts of social justice. Isaac M. Wise Temple is a modern, vibrant, and enduring Reform Jewish community inspired by the innovative vision of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the American Reform Movement. Wise Temple enjoys two beautiful and diverse settings for worship, study, social justice, and community with Isaac M. Wise Center which is contemporary, suburban, warm and inviting and Plum Street Temple which is historic, urban, majestic and extraordinary and you can't help feeling the history, tradition and awe.

VALLEY TEMPLE

145 Springfield Pike

Cincinnati, OH 45215

(513) 761-3555

valleytemple.com

Denomination: Reform



The mission of The Valley Temple is the deepening of Jewish experience and knowledge for our members, in order to strengthen faith in God, love of Torah, and identification with the Jewish people, through education, involvement in the Temple and participation in Jewish life. Valley Temple will foster the personal and spiritual growth of each member and each member's family in an atmosphere where respect for self and others is enhanced. The Valley Temple will be designed to serve those preferring the greater intimacy, informality and sense of personal satisfaction, which can be more readily achieved in a smaller congregation.

TEMPLE SHOLOM

10828 Kenwood Road

Blue Ash, OH 45242

(513) 791-1330

templesholom.net

Denomination: Reform



Temple Sholom is purposeful about opportunities for Jewish meaning. Temple Sholom believes that there is a lifelong continuum to sacred living requiring ongoing attention and intention. Every congregant pursues an individualized Jewish spiritual path within the context of a nurturing, creative, and holy community. Through a holistic approach to congregational life, every encounter with the synagogue, worship, learning, and community are opportunities for sacred meaning and growth. Temple Sholom is not a congregation of consumers; Temple Sholom is a sacred congregation who deeply believe in the power of personal and communal connections to the Divine.

ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

3201 E. Galbraith Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 793-1800

adath-israel.org

Denomination: Conservative



Adath Israel Congregation is an egalitarian, conservative congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Adath Israel Congregation enjoys an inclusive community in which all members are encouraged to participate. Adath Israel boasts a membership of about 700 families. Adath Israel features a wide array of programs and services including strong, educational programs for both children and adults, daily morning and evening minyanim, a full social calendar with vibrant social organizations including Sisterhood, Brotherhood, a young adult group and youth organizations.

NORTHERN HILLS SYNAGOGUE

5714 Fields Ertel Road

Cincinnati, OH 45249

(513) 931-6038

nhs-cba.org

Other Names: Congregation B'nai Avraham

Denomination: Conservative



Northern Hills Synagogue is an egalitarian Conservative congregation located in the northeast suburbs of Cincinnati, on the border between Hamilton and Warren Counties. Northern Hills Synagogue strives to develop a community that is warm, welcoming, inclusive and knowledgeable. The congregation will follow the forms, practices and usages of Conservative Judaism, shall be affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and shall be bound by its Standards of Congregational Practice. Northern Hills Congregation values itself as a social and educational community as well as a spiritual center. Volunteerism provides the foundation for our synagogue and is reflected in our core values.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

50 N. Sixth Street

Hamilton, OH 45011

(513) 868-2049

bethisraelcongregation.net

Denomination: Conservative

Beth Israel Congregation

Beth Israel Congregation is a small, affordable, welcoming, Conservative synagogue located north of Cincinnati. In 1901, it was organized by eight families as an Orthodox alternative to Hamilton's existing Reform congregation that was founded in the 1880s and located on High Street. Beth Israel moved to the Conservative movement and became egalitarian in the 1980's.

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

8100 Cornell Road

Cincinnati, OH 45249

(513) 489-3399

etzchaimcincinnati.org

Denomination: Conservative



Congregation Etz Chaim is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue, continuing a tradition of progressive Judaism which goes back more than a century. Rooted in a rich heritage of traditional Jewish values, Congregation Etz Chaim is committed to enhancing the religious, spiritual, educational and cultural life of not only its members but the larger Jewish community.

CONGREGATION ZICHRON ELIEZER

2455A Section Road

Cincinnati, OH 45237

(513) 631-4900

Czecincinnati.org

Other Names: CZE

Denomination: Orthodox



Congregation Zichron Eliezer (CZE) is an Orthodox synagogue comprised of approximately 140 member families. The Congregation is blessed with a very active membership, and the synagogue serves as a central communal organization for its members and boasts an array of Jewish family activities to make Judaism an active part of its members' lives. The overall mission is for the synagogue families to grow together spiritually as a family, both through interpersonal connections by creating a feeling of community and through a deeper connection with G-d. Judaism plays a central role in the families comprising the synagogue membership, with many who are seeking further opportunities to grow both in their knowledge and practice of Judaism. The synagogue serves as an institution where they can connect to other families who have similar interests and build on those relationships to advance their own growth.

GOLF MANOR SYNAGOGUE

6442 Stover Avenue

Golf Manori, OH 45237

(513) 531-6654

golfmanorsynagogue.org

Other Names: Congregation Agudas Israel

Denomination: Orthodox



The Golf Manor Synagogue, Congregation Agudas Israel, whose membership numbers over 100 families, is affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America. Golf Manor Synagogue's mission is to create a welcoming and warm environs for all members of the Jewish community, young and old, men and women, observant and non-observant, through the beauty of Torah living, as exhibited through our services, classes, youth programming, and social events.

CONGREGATION SHAAREI TORAH

2400 Section Road

Cincinnati, OH 45237

(513) 620-8080

shaareitorahcincinnati.org

Other Names: The Village Shul, CST

Denomination: Modern Orthodox



Sha'arei Torah, the Village Shul, is an active, committed congregation of Modern Orthodox Jews. CST members aspire to a holistic lifestyle which embraces religious observance, community life, Zionism and the pursuit of all forms of knowledge. As a new, young, and vibrant congregation, CST members are brimming with enthusiasm. CST offers rich and diverse programming geared towards the varied interests and talents of the membership and the greater Cincinnati Jewish community.



COMMUNITY FUNDERS

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF CINCINNATI

8499 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 985-1500

jewishcincinnati.org



The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati envisions an exceptional Cincinnati Jewish community and, through the community-wide strategic plan Cincinnati 2030, brings diverse groups together to build it. The Federation raises money and uses a volunteer-driven, transparent process to distribute it to the local, national, and global programs that need it most. The Federation connects community agencies with the leaders and expertise they need to thrive as well as working to protect Jewish security by educating the community and advocating for Israel. The Federation does all of this to help people in need, create an engaged community, assure our Jewish future, and support the Jewish people in Cincinnati, in Israel, and throughout the world.

THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF CINCINNATI

8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 516

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 214-1200

thejewishfoundation.org



The
Jewish Foundation
of Cincinnati

The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati was established in 1995 with ~\$70 million in assets from the Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati. In 2010, the Foundation sold Jewish Hospital to Mercy Health, and the proceeds increased the Foundation's asset base, which is now more than \$400 million. The Foundation now invests approximately \$18 million annually in the Cincinnati Jewish community to strengthen Jewish identity, Jewish education and engagement, and to ensure that the basic needs of vulnerable community members are met. The Foundation also provides capacity building grants enabling the community's institutions to meet individual needs efficiently and effectively.



LOCAL CHAPTERS OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

JNF · HADASSAH · AJC · CHABAD JEWISH CENTER · THE JEWISH DISCOVERY
CENTER · KOLLEL · JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

9918 Carver Rd, Suite 102

Cincinnati, OH 45242

(513) 794-1300

jnf.org

Other Names: JNF



**JEWISH
NATIONAL
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Your Voice in Israel

Since its founding in 1901, the Jewish National Fund's single driving focus has been to ensure a strong, secure and prosperous Israel for the Jewish people everywhere. Together with partners, the JNF re-established an ancestral Jewish homeland in modern Israel. The JNF planted more than a quarter-billion trees in what was once a barren desert and built hundreds of vibrant, bustling, life-affirming communities throughout Israel - including the modern metropolis of Tel Aviv.

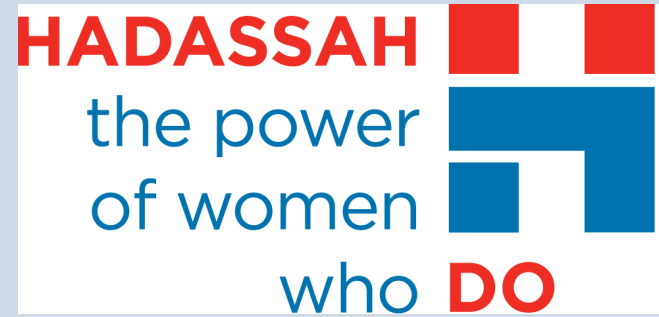
HADASSAH CINCINNATI CHAPTER

10901 Reed Hartman Hwy #117

Cincinnati, OH 45242

(513) 821-6157

[hadassah.org/regions/central-states/
cincinnati](http://hadassah.org/regions/central-states/cincinnati)



HADASSAH, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer women's organization whose members are motivated and inspired to strengthen their partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society. Cincinnati Chapter offers a variety of community service and fundraising projects, as well as fun and educational special interest groups for women of all ages and interests

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

(513) 621-4020

ajc.org/cincinnati

The logo for AJC Cincinnati, featuring the letters "AJC" in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, followed by the word "Cincinnati" in a smaller, white sans-serif font, all set against a dark blue rectangular background.

AJC Cincinnati connects the community with AJC's global advocacy work that enhances the well-being of the Jewish people and Israel. AJC's access to diplomats, elected officials, and interfaith leaders at the local level advances AJC's broader global priorities: combating anti-Semitism, promoting Israel's place in the world, and countering the spread of radicalism and extremism. The impact extends well beyond the Cincinnati community, helping AJC achieve tangible results in the form of government policies, formidable alliances, and hard-hitting legislation that make our world safer and more secure.

CHABAD JEWISH CENTER – BLUE ASH

3977 Hunt Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 793-5200

chabadba.com



Chabad Jewish Center is a warm and welcoming family educational center and synagogue. Chabad is dedicated to enriching the Cincinnati Jewish community family through innovative programming, engaging user-friendly synagogue services, and stimulating lectures and classes, including the internationally acclaimed Jewish Learning Institute. Chabad welcomes and accommodates every individual - without requiring membership, commitment or a particular level of observance - to participate in learning, celebrating and enhancing their Jewish life.

JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER

7587 Central Parke Blvd

Mason OH, 45040

(513) 234-0777

jewish-discovery.com



The Jewish Discovery Center offers many educational, religious, cultural and social opportunities for all age groups within the community. Recognizing the intrinsic value of each and every man, woman, and child, the Jewish Discovery Center is dedicated to enriching the life of every individual and to empower each person to reach his/her potential. This location is also home to the Chai Tots Early Childhood Center. Chai Tots is an enriched school community offering a unique blend of Jewish and Montessori education for students ages 6 weeks - 6 years, offering year-round infant care, toddler and preschool programs, and Kindergarten.

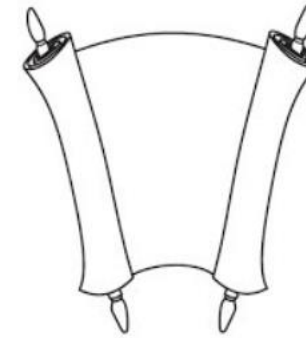
KOLLEL

2241 Losantiville Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45237

(513) 631-1118

cincykollel.org



**Cincinnati
Community Kollel**

Since 1995, the Kollel has dedicated itself to providing Jewish learning opportunities to every part of Cincinnati's Jewish community. The Kollel offers beginner-level courses in Judaism and Jewish philosophy, as well as more advanced classes. Although the Kollel comes to venues as diverse as synagogues, office buildings, college campuses, and social halls, most of the activities take place in the main building. There the Kollel has established a *beis midrash* (literally, a "house of study"), where staff and other members of the community drink from the fountain of Torah knowledge.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

8499 Ridge Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45236

(513) 985-1501

jewishcincinnati.org/jcrc

Other Names: JCRC



The Jewish Community Relations Council is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. The mission is to protect Jewish security, recognizing that Jewish security depends on creating a just society for all. To achieve the mission, JCRC works locally on a variety of issues concentrating efforts in the areas of relationship building and government affairs, Israel education, combating anti-Semitism and hate and civic engagement. JCRC also works to develop relationships with elected officials as well as other faith and ethnic communities in the Cincinnati area.