



Temple Israel

*A Reform Congregation affiliated
with the Union for Reform Judaism*

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Welcome to Temple Israel



Temple Israel was founded in 1914 and currently has a membership of approximately 375 families. We are a Reform Congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Temple Israel is truly our House of Worship, Study and Gathering. For 100 years, our synagogue embodies the ritual warmth and ceremonial beauty of our Jewish tradition while serving as the center for worship, life-cycle celebration and events, education, social justice, and activities and gatherings for all ages. We are an inclusive and actively engaged community. We welcome singles and couples, Jews of various colors and ethnicities, interfaith couples and families, LGBTQ Jews and those seeking to convert to Judaism. Temple Israel values the diversity of Jewish expression and community. We extend a warm invitation to join us for services on Shabbat. Our distinctive building with the Ten Commandments sculpted on the front is located on 22nd Place just South of Utica Square Shopping Center. We look forward to meeting you!



Worship and Celebration

Shabbat Evening Services

Shabbat is a time to renew your spirit and celebrate with your Jewish family. Shabbat Evening Services are held every Friday evening. We welcome the entire congregation and all generations at each service. Bring the whole family. We worship with joyful, uplifting songs and prayers and inspiring sermons and teachings. Our services are accessible and participatory with a balance of Hebrew and English. Once a month our service is followed by a catered communal Shabbat dinner. Check our website and bulletin for schedule and times.



Shabbat Morning Services

Shabbat morning services are typically held twice a month. Join us for a joyful, informal and inspirational celebration of Shabbat that engages our bodies, hearts, minds and souls. The service includes Torah study and is followed by a potluck Kiddush lunch. Sometimes Shabbat morning services are geared especially for families with children. Shabbat morning services are also held when a young adult is called to the Torah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is usually held once a month on Shabbat morning at 9:00 am. Especially for families with infants through younger elementary school age children, these services are filled with singing, stories, snacks, and crafts. Wake up and celebrate Shabbat together!



Holiday and Festival Services

We celebrate the full calendar of Jewish holidays. Join us throughout the year for services on Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Tu Bishvat, Purim, Passover, Yom HaShoah, Yom HaAtzmaut and Shavuot.

Lifecycle and Temple Minhagim (Customs)



Weddings

The rabbis are available to officiate at weddings. The couple may be called to the bima for blessing on the Shabbat preceding the wedding.

Naming of Children

Newborn boys are named at the Brit Milah (Covenant of Circumcision) ceremony. Newborn daughters are named in a Brit Bat (Daughter of the Covenant) ceremony in the home or during a Shabbat service.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Boys and girls who are committed to a path of Judaic and Hebrew studies are called to the Torah at age 13 as they help lead our congregation in prayer. The ceremony marks their growth and responsibility and joyfully welcomes them as young adult members of our community. We periodically offer adult B'nai Mitzvah classes.

Conversion

We welcome Jews by choice. The rabbis are available to discuss the components of conversion and path of study.

Funerals

The community is here to support its members during times of loss. The sanctuary is available for funeral services.

Yizkor Services

Public memorial services are held in our congregation on Yom Kippur afternoon and at the morning service on the seventh day of Pesach.

Yahrzeits

Any member of the congregation may request that the name of a deceased family member be mentioned in connection with the recitation of the Kaddish prayer at Shabbat services.

Auxiliaries and Resources

Temple Israel Sisterhood

A Sisterhood member becomes a part of a national and international network of 100,000 women, each serving her individual Temple Family and connecting with sisters around the world. Temple Israel Sisterhood serves our congregation in many important ways, providing assistance to our Religious School and other youth programs, offering Jewish programming for women, maintaining our Judaica Shop, coordinating festival dinners and sponsoring our weekly Oneg Shabbats, and supporting our congregation and community in a myriad of ways. All women who are members of the temple are eligible for membership. Temple Israel Sisterhood is proud to be affiliated with the Women of Reform Judaism and invites you to become a partner in our work to further Reform Judaism by living our faith and translating our values into action and advocacy.

Temple Israel Brotherhood

Temple Israel Brotherhood is the “service arm” of our Temple. Brotherhood provides many services for our congregation, from providing security greeters and High Holyday ushers to supporting our Religious School students and their families. Brotherhood projects include monthly social outings, interfaith activities, and numerous Sunday breakfasts at which guest speakers with cultural, religious, or civic messages educate and entertain the Temple community. All men who are members of the Temple are eligible for membership. The Brotherhood is affiliated with

the Men of Reform Judaism, an auxiliary of the Union for Reform Judaism. Brotherhood is also a sponsor of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

ARZA - The Association of Reform Zionists of America

Temple Israel's ARZA chapter sponsors an annual ARZA Shabbat and provides information about the challenges and opportunities of religious pluralism in Israel. ARZA is an affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Young Kehillah

Young Kehillah is a friendly group of singles, young couples and young families (twenties, thirties and forties) who join together for social events and holiday celebrations.

Jay Allan Myers Resource Center

Temple Israel is very proud of our Jay Allan Myers Memorial Library and Resource Center which houses an excellent collection of Judaica for the use of the members and children of the congregation, as well as the community at large.

Cemetery

Temple Israel owns and maintains two sections of the Rose Hill Cemetery for families identified with the congregation. The cemetery is beautifully landscaped and reverently maintained.



Education For All

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“And you shall teach them to your children.” - Deuteronomy 6:7

In its role as a House of Study, Temple Israel offers a variety of educational experiences for students of all ages. Jewish tradition affirms that learning is a lifelong value and pursuit.

SHORASHIM: Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade

meaning roots, is primarily a weekly Sunday morning Religious School program that is enhanced with monthly Shabbat experiences, holiday celebrations, and social justice opportunities. At Temple Israel, we grow Jewish roots together. Through study, joyful Shabbat and holiday celebrations, social action, and communal activities, we plant Jewish seeds for a lifetime of Jewish learning and living. Be part of our Tree of Life as we grow together.

A yearly educational theme helps guide our students and families. Each week students actively engage in a tefillah prayer experience, Judaic studies, Hebrew learning, and communal time to introduce and conclude our mornings. Art, music, library, and cooking all enhance the experience. There are often parallel learning sessions offered for parents. We encourage family involvement and participation. Parents and grandparents

are an important part of student learning as guides and role models to Jewish living. Our youth education program is free of charge to dues paying members.



Students in 4th through 6th grades also participate in Hebrew Learning mainly on Wednesday afternoons. Students become familiar with Prayer and Modern Hebrew. The learning is designed to enable our students to become literate, participatory members of our community who are familiar with and at ease participating in Jewish ritual and study.

Students in 7th through 12th grades are encouraged to become Madrichim (meaning, guides), teachers' assistants. Our Madrichim play an integral role in our community by serving as role models and leaders.



Midrasha: The Combined Jewish High School 7th - 12th Grades

Students in 7th through 12th grades attend Midrasha on Wednesday evenings, a combined educational program with B'nai Emunah, the Conservative congregation.

Temple Israel students who participate in the 10th grade Confirmation year are eligible for a generous subsidy to participate on the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) five week summer travel experience to Europe and Israel. This program is subsidized by Temple Israel and the Tulsa Jewish Federation to assure that every Confirmand is able to participate in this memorable experience.

Informal Youth Programming

Temple Israel offers a variety of informal youth programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. Informal activities include local outings and social experiences, junior choir, mitzvah opportunities, and overnight retreats. In addition to participating in Temple programs, high school students are encouraged to be a part of B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO), Tulsa's high school youth group.

Adult Education

Educational programs for adults include: Scholars-in-Residence,

Brotherhood sponsored breakfast lectures, Shabbat and holiday centered programs and discussions, adult B'nai Mitzvah, our themed summer program, and the community's Institute of Adult Jewish Studies.

Happy Campers at Temple Israel - The Moe Gimp Early Learning Center

has the finest child care that Tulsa has to offer. We accept children ages 6 weeks to five years of age, and provide parents an opportunity to view their children in the early learning center through a closed circuit internet connection. We utilize a child-centered philosophy and partner with families to provide a quality educational experience in a nurturing environment. Happy Campers at Temple Israel includes a strong Jewish preschool component including Shabbat every Friday, celebration of Jewish holidays, and weekly lessons about Jewish culture, values and stories with Jennifer Lorch and the rabbis.

Open from 7:00am-6:00pm Monday through Friday with full and part time options available. A 10% discount is given to all Temple members. Please contact Staci Walkup, Director, or Cindy Alonso, Owner, for enrollment information (918-747-3122) or happycamperstempleisrael@gmail.com. You may also visit our website at happycampersacademy.com.

For questions regarding Temple membership, please contact our Administrator, Klara Bode. We look forward to welcoming you to our Temple Family.

**Rabbi Karen and Rabbi Micah Citrin,
Co-Senior Rabbis**

Rabbi Karen and Rabbi Micah started their rabbinic leadership at Temple Israel in July, 2013. The Rabbis Citrin value the warmth of tradition and the spirit of innovation. They value shared leadership, and partnering with lay leaders and staff to shape vibrant Jewish community.

Rabbi Emeritus Charles Philip Sherman

Klara Bode, Administrator

Jennifer Lorch, MAEd, MBA,
Director of Youth and Education

Mary Clare, Administrative Assistant

Jory Bollinger, Bookkeeper/Event Coordinator

Lauren Zeligson, Communications Coordinator

Timothy Wallace, Head Custodian

Eliot Glaser, Accompanist

Susan Woitte, Librarian

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