

BOLD STATEMENTS

Education: Education is the foundation of a committed Jewish life. Adath Jeshurun will provide a lifelong continuum of high-quality, Jewish learning opportunities to congregants of all ages, abilities and means through a combination of our own resources and that of our community partners.

Shabbat – Adath inspires its members to experience the beauty and holiness of Shabbat. We respect tradition while being innovative, offering an array of Shabbat experiences, recognizing Shabbat is sacred and is observed in the synagogue and beyond.

Mentoring: Adath Jeshurun members are on a journey of life dedicated to Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Hasadim. Adath will embark on a mentoring program to help members continue along their path by providing mentors for those interested in developing or improving existing skills and knowledge. The mentoring will be a guiding light program available to all individuals, groups, and committees of the Adath Jeshurun family with emphasis on new members, families newly committed to rituals and learning, and creating intergenerational connections within our membership. With the help and participation of Adath congregants, a mentor roster will be developed to perpetuate and support this program.

Teen Involvement: Adath Jeshurun values our teens, defined as post B'nai Mitzvah members, and seeks to engage them in every aspect of congregational life. We demonstrate this commitment now and into the future by:

- fostering a sense of belonging and spiritual fulfillment;
- providing leadership, creative programming, sufficient funding and welcoming teens on all standing committees
- connecting teens to our community removing barriers to full participation of teens in everyday Jewish life.

Israel: The Adath Jeshurun Congregation has an unshakable commitment to Israel as evidenced by: facilitating each congregant's unique connection to Israel; providing and promoting opportunities for congregants to experience Israel; providing education about Israel to all age groups; advancing pluralism and tolerance within the Masorti movement and within our congregation; maintaining a strong connection with our sister congregation in Omer, Magen Avraham, and strongly supporting the existence of the state of Israel.

Connectedness: Judaism is a religion based on community. Adath Jeshurun will facilitate connectedness through a rich variety of opportunities that will personalize and break down the institutional scale of the congregation. These opportunities will reflect commitment to Torah (learning and tradition), Avodah (prayer and spirituality), and Gemillut Hasadim (acts of kindness) and encourage personal relationships across generations, based on common interests. There will be a significant effort to weave small groups into the tapestry of the whole congregation, thereby making the small big again.

Financial Commitment – Adath will take a leadership role in pursuing all avenues of resource development to reduce financial barriers to Adath member's participation in our Twin Cities Jewish community.

Technology - Adath is committed to developing a technological presence by implementing current and new technology to extend its presence beyond the physical building.

Intentional Jews – We are a congregation that enables and fosters intentional Jewish living. We help our members become ever growing, active Conservative Jews creating a vibrant spiritual caring and ethical community.

Welcoming Place: Adath is a welcoming congregation, fostering an environment of inclusion and participation while valuing diversity and individual differences. Welcoming is a core Jewish value woven into the fabric of our culture; a responsibility shared by everyone; an ongoing process that supports all stages of life, both sharing in times of joy and caring for each other during times of need or crisis.

Conservative Judaism: Adath models what it means to be a leading Conservative Jewish congregation, engaged with our national organizations as they reshape our movement.