

Bold Statements To Guide Our Future

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The mission of Adath Jeshurun Congregation, a member of the Conservative Movement, is to be a progressive, egalitarian and sacred community dedicated to Torah (learning and tradition), Avodah (prayer and spirituality) and Gemilut Hasadim (acts of loving kindness).

Welcoming Place (Hachnasat Orchim): We are a warm, welcoming congregation that promotes inclusion and participation while valuing diversity. We embrace welcoming as an important Jewish value and a responsibility shared by all as we support each other throughout all stages of life, and in times of joy and times of need.

Connectedness (K'sharim): Judaism is grounded in community. We will connect with one another through a rich variety of opportunities that foster smaller communities, engaged in our congregation, reflecting the commitment to our mission and values.

Education (Chinuch): Education is the foundation for a committed Jewish life. We will provide a lifelong continuum of 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.

Teen Involvement (Noar): We value our teens and seek to engage them in congregational life. We will foster a sense of belonging and spiritual fulfillment among our teens and remove barriers to full participation in everyday Jewish life. We will provide leadership and financial support, creative programming, and will welcome teen input into congregational committees.

Israel (Yisrael): Our commitment to the Land, the People and the State of Israel is steadfast. We will provide and promote opportunities for congregants to experience, visit, and learn more about Israel and will maintain a strong connection with the Masorti Movement and Magen Avraham, our sister congregation in Omer. We will strongly advocate for pluralism and tolerance in Israel and will model this by being respectful of differing points of view.

Shabbat (Shabbat Kodesh): We inspire our members to experience the beauty and holiness of Shabbat, respecting tradition and offering an innovative array of Shabbat experiences. We recognize that Shabbat is celebrated in the synagogue, the home and other places.

Conservative Judaism (Tenuah): We model what it means to be a leading Conservative Jewish congregation, fully engaged with our national organizations as they reshape our movement.

Financial Commitment (Kemach): We will take a leadership role in developing resources that reduce financial barriers to participation in congregational activities and in the broader Jewish community.

Technology (Technologia): We are committed to utilizing and expanding current and new technologies in order to extend our presence beyond the physical building.

Mentoring (Hadracha): As congregants journey through a life dedicated to Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Hasadim, we will provide mentors to welcome newcomers and increase the congregation's overall knowledge, skills and comfort level with their own Jewish journey.

Intentional Jews (Kavanah): We are a congregation that fosters intentional Jewish living. We will help members grow to become active Conservative Jews living in a vibrant, spiritual, caring and ethical community.