

TEMPLE ISRAEL & JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center includes a Conservative egalitarian and a Reconstructionist congregation. Temple Israel is a traditional Conservative egalitarian synagogue serving Ridgewood and vicinity, with a current membership of about 225 families. We are proud to share some key highlights of our hamish community:

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

We are blessed to have the leadership and warmth of: Rabbi David Fine. Our knowledgeable and dedicated congregants provide lay leadership for special events when requested by congregants.

SACRED SERVICES

- Friday** Conservative and Reconstructionist services take place at 8:00 pm. Temple Israel family services are held throughout the year at 6:30 pm followed by dinner. Many of our Friday night services are enriched by musical instrumentation. Please check our website www.synagogue.org for update information.
- Saturday** Conservative Shabbat services take place 9:00 am – noon and Reconstructionist services take place 10:00 am - noon. We take pride in our high level of member participation and spirituality. Tot Shabbat for birth through 4 year olds is held monthly. Junior Congregation for 3rd – 7th grade is held monthly.
- Rabbi Fine lead thoughtful interactive discussions during Shabbat services, based on the weekly Torah portion. The children of our congregation regularly lead prayers and are honored on the bimah every week at the conclusion of the Shabbat service.
- Sunday** 9:00 am - 9:45 am morning minyanim take place at the shul with coffee and cake. In July and August, congregants open their homes to host Sunday morning minyanim and brunch.
- Holidays** All holidays and festivals are joyfully observed throughout the year. Congregants receive complete schedules of holiday services in *Temple Talk*, our monthly newsletter.

SACRED COMMUNITY	Our congregants warmly support one another during all life cycle events, including <i>b'rit milah</i> and baby namings, <i>B'nei Mitzvah</i> , <i>Aufruf</i> and Weddings. Shiva minyanim are held in mourners homes with our clergy and Temple Israel & JCC members offering spiritual and emotional support.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Our Torah Tot (2-4 year olds), Pre-K/Kindergarten (5-6 year olds) through <i>Kitah Hey</i> (7 th Grade) classes are taught by outstanding and dedicated professional Jewish educators.
YOUTH GROUPS	We host 2 successful Youth Groups: Kadima for grades 6-8, and USY for grades 9-12. Our Kadima and USY groups are part of a strong consortium with congregations in Fair Lawn and Paramus. Kadima & USY members also have an opportunity to meet other Jewish teens at regional events sponsored by United Synagogue throughout the year.
GROUPS/ACTIVITIES	Youth, Sisterhood, Men's Club, <i>Chesed</i> (Lovingkindness) <i>Tikkun Olam</i> (social action), <i>Hazak</i> (seniors) Inspired adult education & lifelong learning programs Food & clothing drives, homeless shelter, blood drives River clean ups Interfaith services and community service programs Family Shabbat services Membership socials
TRADITIONS	Yom Kippur break-the-fast Sukkot dinners and a neighborhood <i>Sukkah Hop</i> Simchat Torah dancing & jelly apples Chanukah celebration & boutique Purim costume parade & carnival Tikkun for Shavuot
FACILITY	Expansion & modernization in '01 High Holiday seating for 1000 Banquet hall seating for 250 Modern kosher kitchen Bridal suite 8 classrooms Extensive religious & cultural library Youth lounge
HISTORY	1952 Temple established on Oak Street in Ridgewood 1962 Moved to new facility on Grove Street 1992 Education wing expansion 2001 Major expansion & renovation 2015 Partnership between TI & RCBI 2019 BCHSJS opens classes at TI-JCC